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FOR TRIADS?

THE Police say Hongkong has 450,000 Triad members. Mr. Bernacchi, puts the figure at nearer a million. But whoever is right there can be no doubt that Hongkong has a frightful problem on its hand. Perhaps the more alarming aspect of the more alarming figure as the most likely—at least there will be less chance then of any public or official complacency. But in grasping this particular nettle, just where do we begin?

Mr Bernacchi advocates registration of one or two societies as a trial measure. The Civic Association once proposed a Triad rehabilitation centre emphasizing moral regeneration and social rehabilitation. The Police and newspaper commentators have been calling for the strongest punitive action. With all these conflicting views, where do we begin? The answer may lie in compounding all these suggestions into one plan of action.

## Main Cause

ONE of the main causes of the proliferation of societies in recent years is the three-pronged evil of poverty, population and unemployment. In this fertile environment rackets flourish and the Triads find an obvious niche. This is the same of underworld organizations the world over and where Triads exist only for the rewards of criminal intimidation and exploitation the Police and the courts cannot ignore their existence.

The most important first step is to sentence convicted Triad members for far longer periods than they are given today. One or two years is a pitifully small sentence for people who enslave and bleed in prostitution and gambling. The prospect of ten years in prison would at least scare off the "fringe members" and the dabblers. And these gaudy should be put to work in construction or in the New Territories on a farming or development project. The main thing to ensure is that they are removed for as many years as possible from the poisonous environment in which they previously thrived.

## Rehabilitation

COUPLED with this long sentence should be the Civic Association's rehabilitation project. The need to make Triad people useful to the community. This means they have to take their place in the Colony's life as law-abiding, respectable employed people. Jobs may be short now but the Colony cannot contemplate this situation permanently. Trade and industry must in the years to come provide openings for many more and we must look to the prospect of increasing employment as a part solution to their rehabilitation.

There remains the possibility of recognition: only when the authorities get really tough with these people can the disintegration and splintering of the Triads which has already started, make useful headway. The workings may be forced to retire. A few organizations may be reformed and seek a return to a more honourable way of life. Then Mr Bernacchi's idea of registration and recognition—possibly with the Kaitongs acting as sponsors and elders—should be considered. This is really not such a far fetched idea, so long as it is seen in the context of concerted action against this by far the worst of all the many evils that infect this city.

# POLICE OFFICER, WIFE ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

## Chinese Woman Detained In Custody

A British Police officer and his wife, together with a Chinese woman appeared in Central Court this morning charged with conspiracy. An application for a three-day remand by Crown Counsel was allowed by the Magistrate, Mr I. T. Morris.

## No Right To Stand In Street

London, Aug. 18. A man was told in court here today that he had no right to stand in the street—only to walk up and down. The man pleaded not guilty to obstructing a policeman in the execution of his duty after refusing to move when asked to do so. He was told by the magistrate that the law states you have only the right to walk up and down, not to stand there.

## STORM IS HEADING FOR HK

The tropical depression which is causing the present unsettled weather is likely to affect the Colony for at least another 24 hours, a spokesman of the Royal Observatory said this morning. He expected that the depression would cause more frequent showers later this evening. At present the storm is just over 200 miles south-east of the Colony, and moving west-north-west at eight knots, roughly towards Hongkong.

## Kirk Douglas In Tax Case

Washington, Aug. 18. The Government has filed a tax case against actor Kirk Douglas and his wife, charging they owe \$149,519.99 on their 1955 tax bill, it was disclosed today. An appeal by Douglas filed with the U.S. Tax Court revealed the Internal Revenue Service had accused them of deducting \$293,704.54 too much on their tax return for that year. Douglas is contesting the case and has asked for a hearing in Los Angeles.—UPI.

## It Simply Is Not Done

London, Aug. 18. Ex-tailor Keith Collins, 30, evoked outraged cries of "bad" and "boulder" here yesterday by doing what in Britain "simply is not done." He took off his shirt at a cricket match. This bare-chested non-conformity alone would have been enough to win Collins a place in cricketdom's hall of infamy. But he compounded his crime by showing up in the grandstand at Lords in shorts. "The man obviously is a cad and a boulder," declared one spectator who turned slightly

purple at the sight of Collins basking his epidermis in a 70 degree sun. Collins was undaunted. "Absolute rubbish, this enlightened age," he said. "This is the first good summer we've had in ages. Why can't I enjoy the sun and cricket?" As for his tradition-drenched critics, Collins passed them off with one curt comment. "They remind me of old English sheep dogs," he said. "The no shirt rebellion first hit the cricket field last week when a number of spectators tried to

## U.S. May Take Action On HK Textile Imports

Washington, Aug. 18. Mr Frederick Mueller, the new United States Secretary of Commerce, said today he believed the Hongkong textile manufacturers had "over-reached themselves" in the U.S. market.

He told a questioner at a Press conference he thought the U.S. textile industry had expressed its disapproval of the Hongkong manufacturers' actions by imposing self-imposed limitations on their exports to the U.S. market.

### ALARM

The U.S. domestic cotton textile industry had expressed alarm at the sharp increase in United States cotton textile imports from Hongkong. Some

## The Husband Who Forgave

Oconomowoc, Wis., Aug. 18. "We had nine wonderful years together. I am not going to throw that away for one bad one."

With these words, Clyde Pfeiffer, 32, promised today to stand by his wife throughout her trial on charges of conspiring with her married lover to strangle him.

On Friday night, Pfeiffer's wife, Maggie, 27, asked him to buy her some ice cream. He went to his car, and as he got in, felt a steel wire tighten around his neck. The wire snapped, saving Pfeiffer's life. He struggled with the man hiding in the back of his car, broke free, and scrambled through a window.

### RECOGNISED

Pfeiffer, a lumber company truck driver, said he recognized his former friend, Edward A. Dunn, 43, a square-dance caller from Milwaukee, as his would-be killer.

Dunn, protesting his innocence, is awaiting trial on charges of attempted first degree murder. Mrs Pfeiffer, who has signed a confession admitting a murder plot, is charged with conspiracy. Pfeiffer forgave his wife, the mother of two children for falling in love with Dunn, who has four children of his own.

"This is not the worst thing in the world," the truck driver said. "He's a good talker and she is very emotionally confused."—UPI.

## Four Killed In Petrol Explosion

Kansas City, Aug. 18. Four firemen were killed and about 100 persons injured—some of them seriously—when seven or eight burning petrol storage tanks exploded here today.

Fifty-six firemen were among the injured taken to hospital, and several were believed to be in a critical condition. Many of the injured were policemen. The entire area was evacuated before the explosion. Flames from the vast blaze leapt 200 feet into the air, and immediately engulfed a block of flats.

The fire was believed to have started in a nearby petrol pump station.—AFP.

## As Red As His Blush

London, Aug. 18. Railway signmen at Chalkwell Tower in east London blushed recently when they unfurled a little-used red flag to halt a passenger train and discovered it bore the Soviet hammer-and-sickle. "Some blasted joker," a railway official explained today.—UPI.

## Tremors Recorded In Hongkong

In the last four days, the seismograph at the Royal Observatory has recorded seven separate earth tremors, including one on Saturday which lasted nearly two hours.

A spokesman at the Observatory said that within the last few days there has been an exceptional amount of earthquake activity. The recordings made on Monday and Tuesday, he said, could have been after shocks from Saturday.

On Saturday a massive earthquake rattled a whole town on Formosa. The shocks from this were felt in Hongkong at about 6 p.m. Two people reported feeling the tremors. They lasted two hours.

On Monday five tremors, none of them of any great strength were recorded. Yesterday a further quake was felt, and it was judged to have originated some 400 to 1,000 miles South-east of the Colony. The spokesman said the position was very vague.

## 150 Trapped In Montana Quake

Yellowstone, Montana, Aug. 18. Mountain-shattering earthquakes last night and today buried campers alive and trapped an estimated 150 persons, many of them injured, below a cracked dam.

Sheriff Don Skerritt of Gallatin County said water of Hebgen lake was lapping over the dam and "no one knows when it might go." The biggest earth slide, from the top of an 8,000-foot mountain, was seven miles below the dam.

At least 18 persons were reported killed in landslides caused by quakes centred just west of Yellowstone National Park. Mayor Charles Bower of Ennis, 50 miles downstream from the dam, said the toll might reach 50 to 75.

17-FOOT CRACK. It was reported there might be 25 dead in the slide below the dam. The dam, of earth and rock fill, had a 17-foot crack on one side but was still holding water this afternoon. A massive rescue effort involving helicopters, para-medics, rocks were still falling.—UPI.

Practically all the 600 residents of Ennis, in the path of the water if the dam should break, had left town. Newly appointed officers were stationed there to prevent looting.

Pilot Paul Thamber of Butte, who flew over the landslide area just before noon, said that it was "far from over. It seems to be still shaking in there and there's a lot of dust." Others reported loosened rocks were still falling.—UPI.

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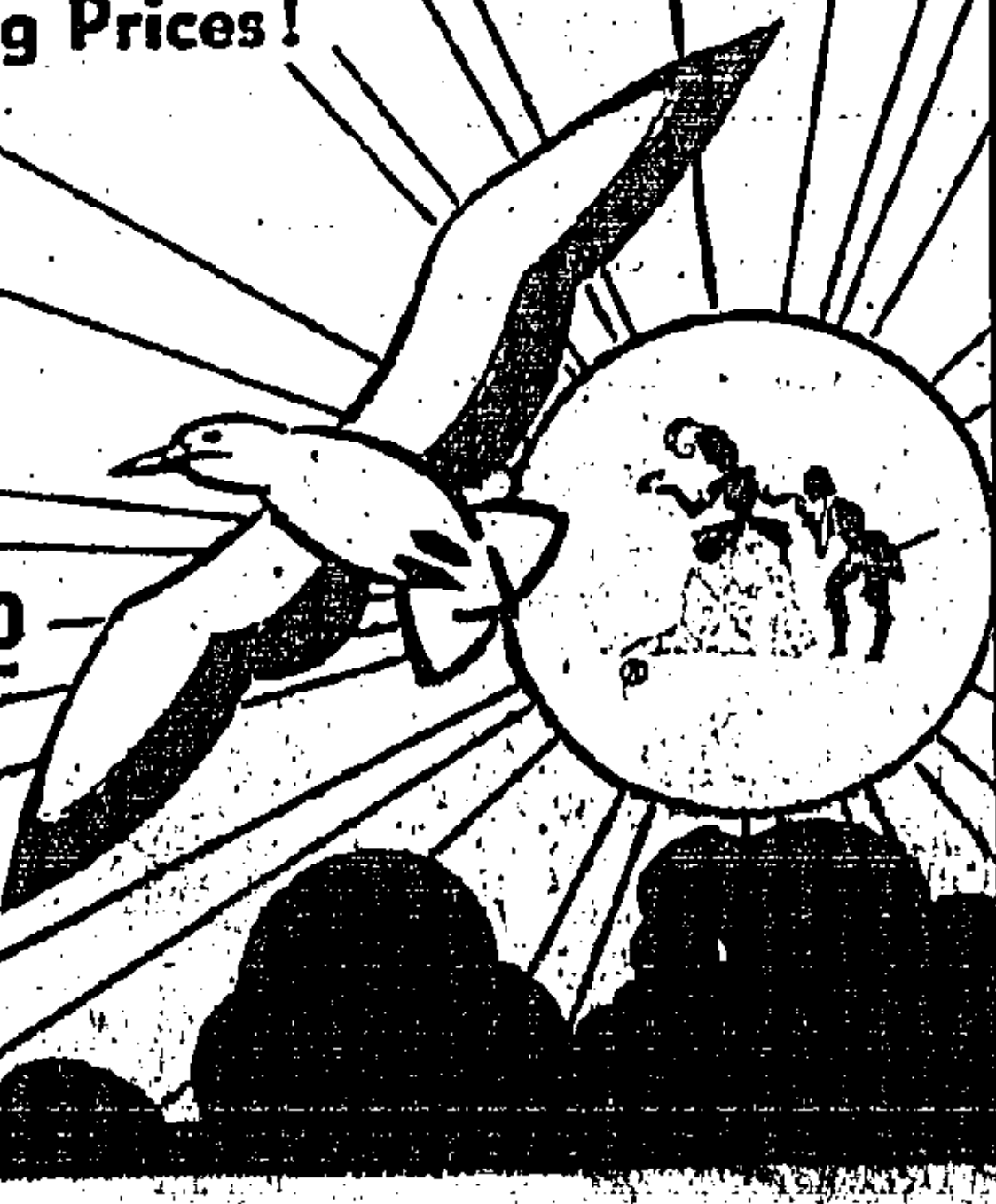
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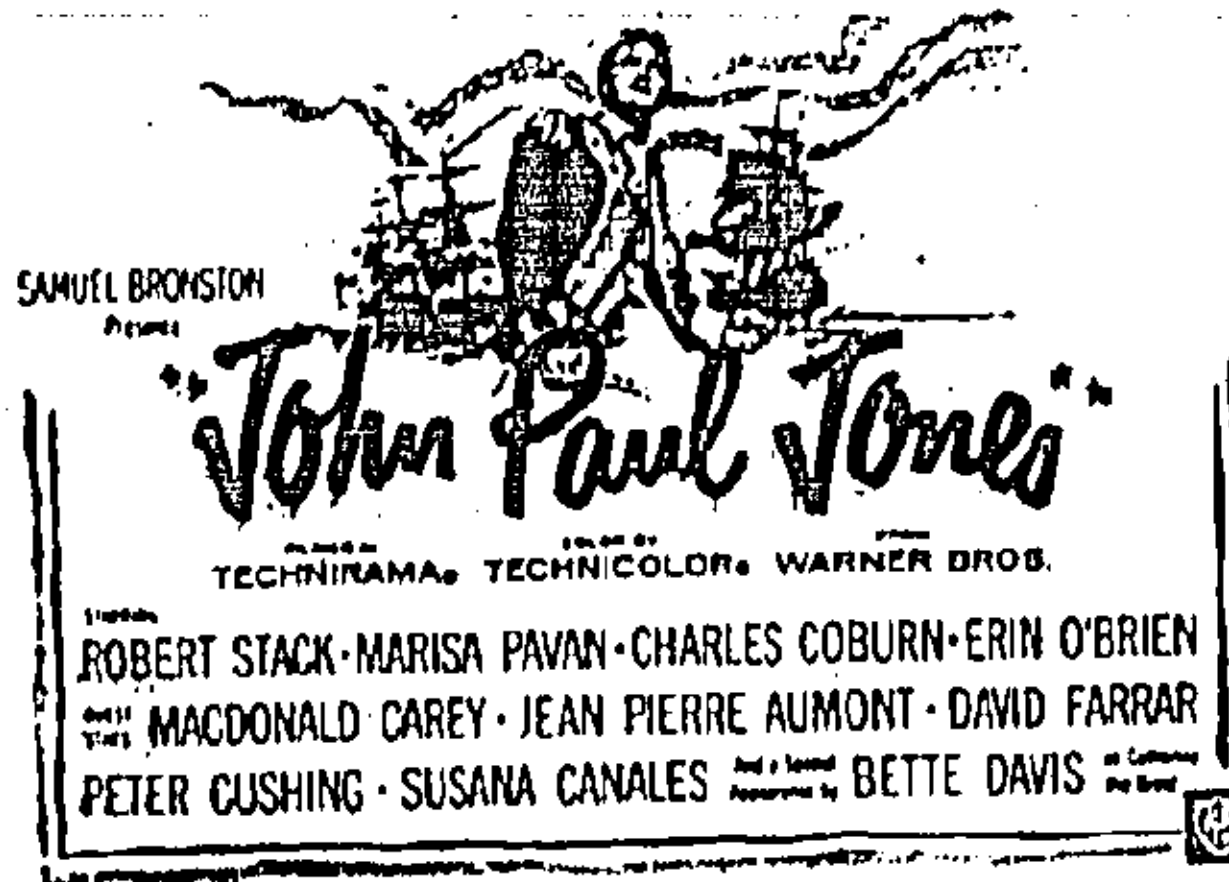




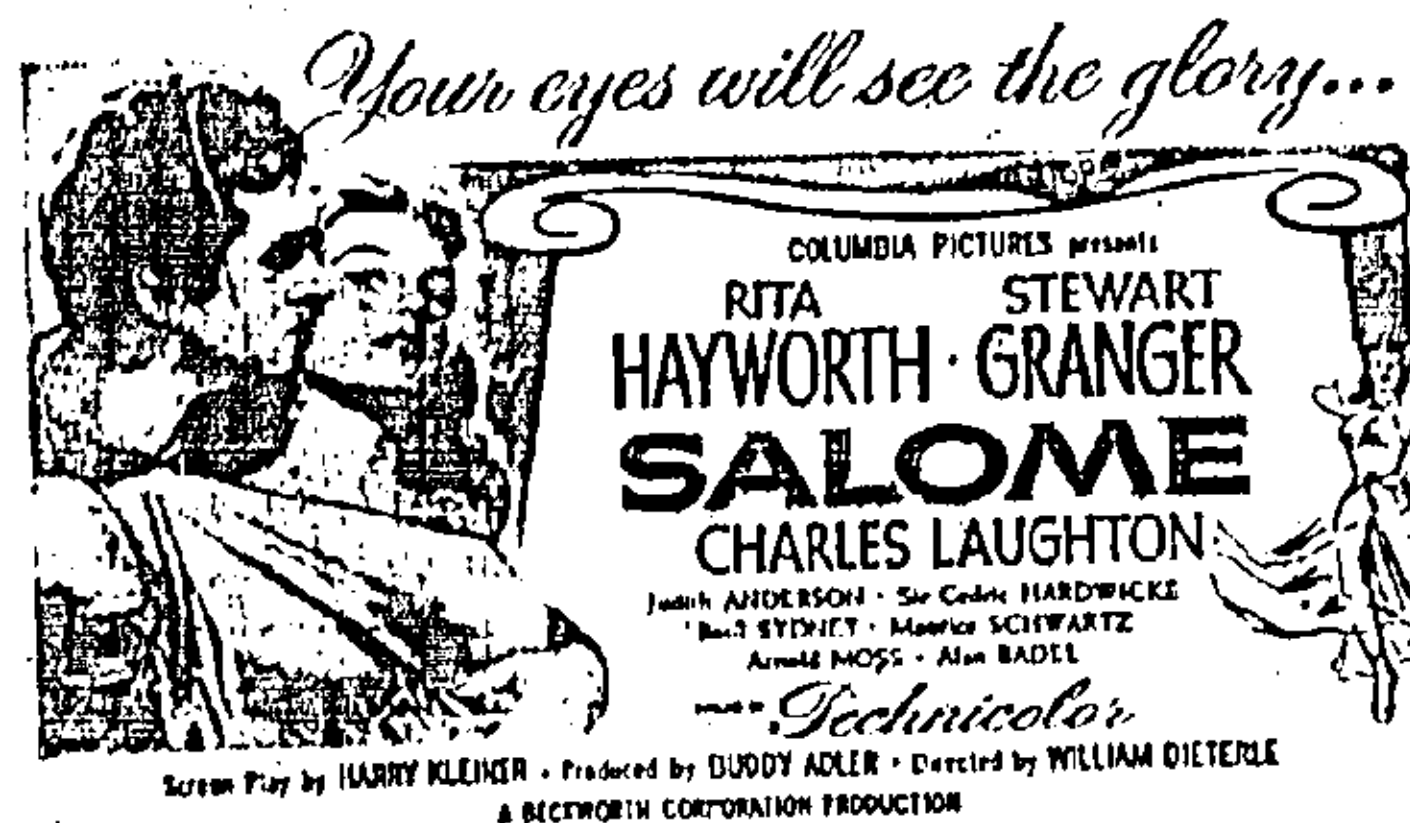
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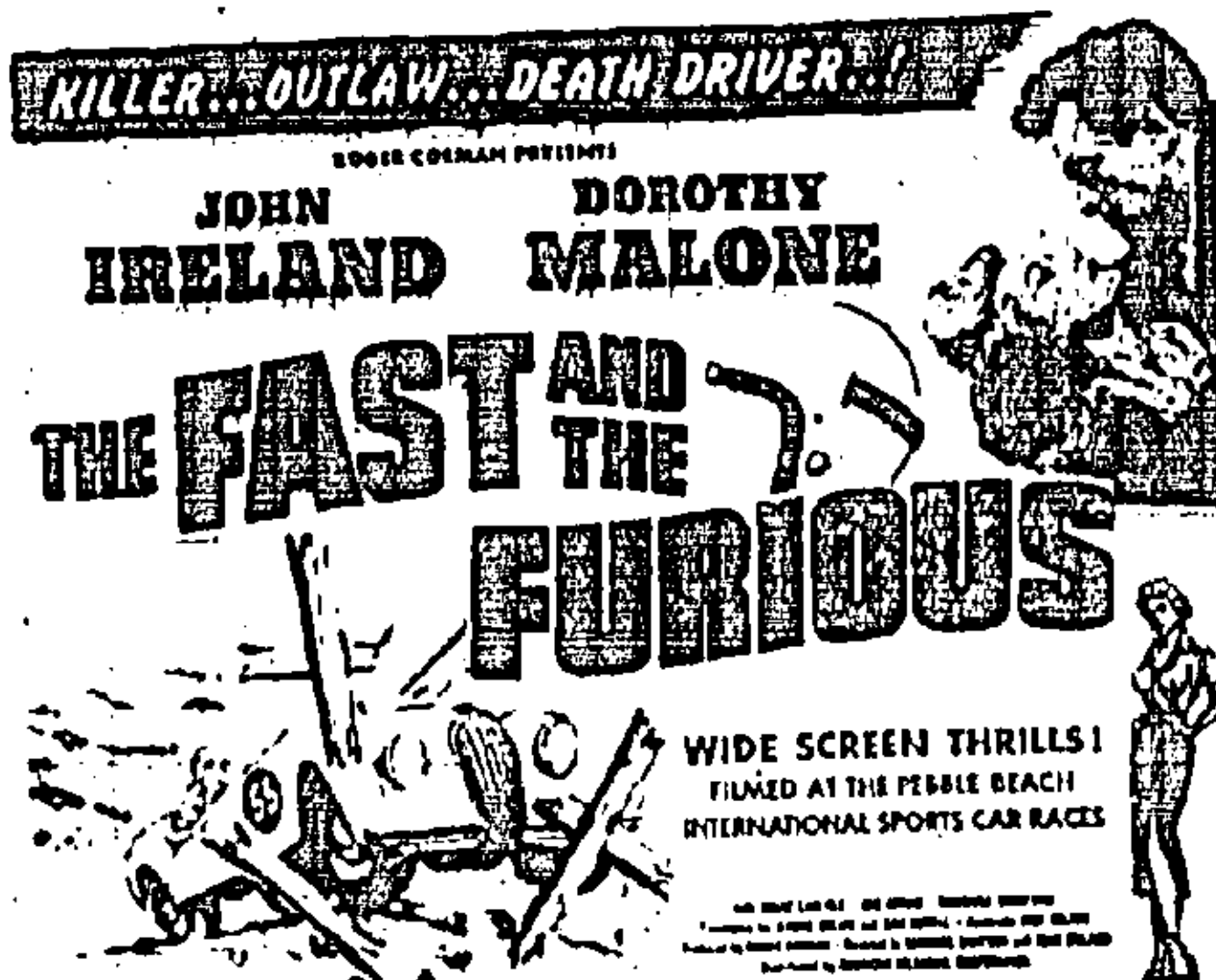


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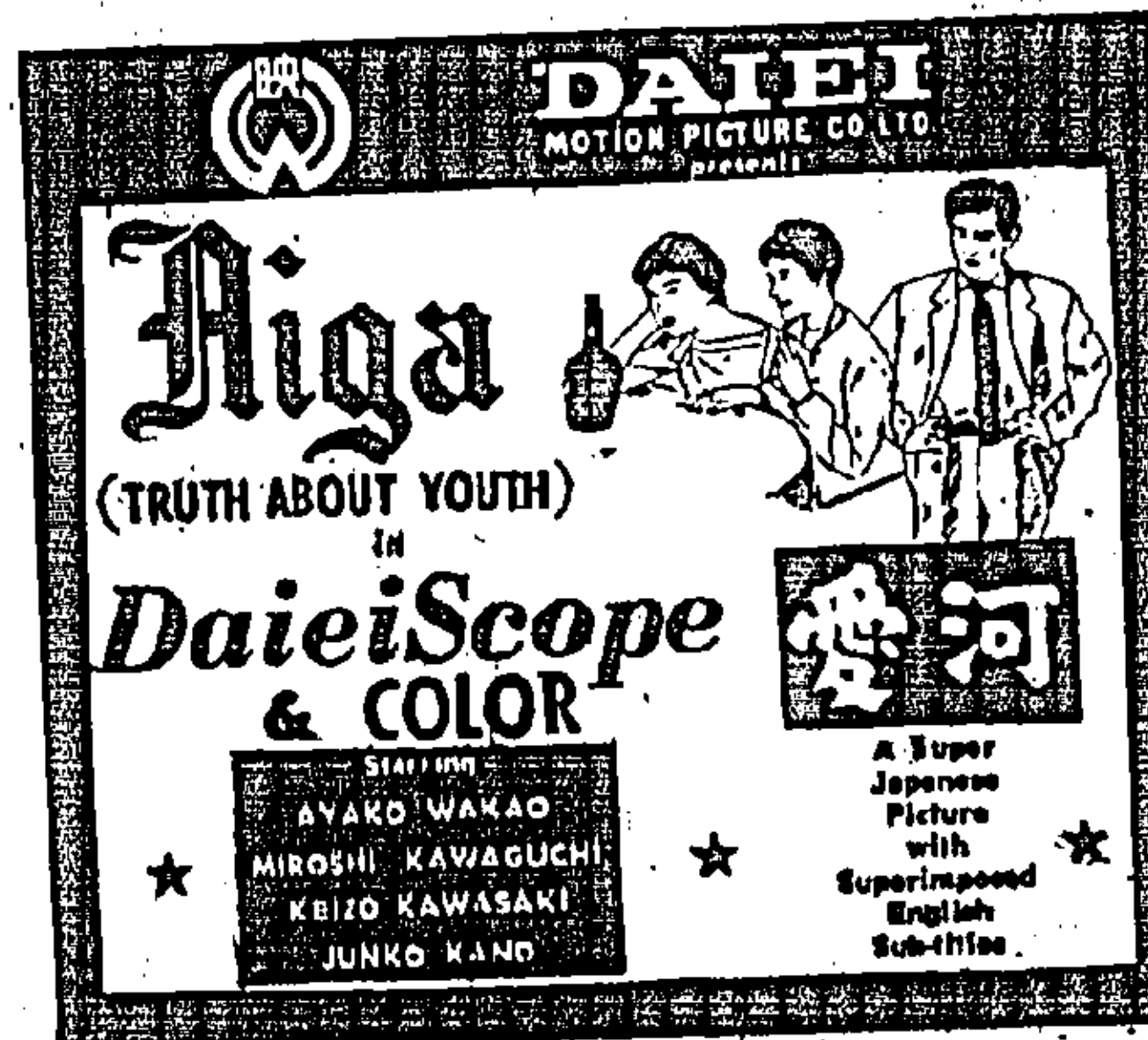
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# THE LOCAL SLANT

By Elizabeth Fox

## London Artist Served As Volunteer In Cyprus Naafi

Do you remember the big emergency call for Naafi volunteers to go to Cyprus last autumn?

Recently arrived in the Colony for a two year visit is one of the girls who answered that appeal and spent eight months in Cyprus.

She is 24-year-old Mrs. Felicie Fox of Huddlow, Kent, the daughter of an Indian Army officer. Cutly-haired Felicie, or Fil as she is known, spent three years on leaving school at the famous Slade School of Art in London and has had a picture hung in the Academy.

One half of her life is painting and the other is messing about in boats as she is a keen sailor, and it seems a far cry from art and sailing to secretarial work in a Naafi sports shop.

I had a long talk to Fil about life in Cyprus and here are some of the questions I asked and the answers she gave.

What made you go to Cyprus in the first place?

When the appeal for volunteers came over the wireless the immediate reaction not only for me, but for many people, was the feeling that one must help. Queen and country and all that sort of thing. When you boil it down I suppose it really comes to that—that and adventure. Of course the family always say that I saw a queue in London one day and just joined on!

Did you enjoy all the publicity that went with your departure and arrival?

No, there was far too much of it, probably because I was in the first plane load. The press

followed us about like locusts. But it didn't last long.

What happened when you arrived in Cyprus?

On our arrival at Nicosia Airport, an RAF sergeant climbed into the plane and told us in a carefree manner that Cyprus was as safe as houses and that we had nothing to fear. We were then hustled out and shook hands one by one with General Darling and his satellites and were finally ushered into a bus.

This was encased in wire mesh, bristling with guards and had a jeep in front and behind also armed to the hilt. It was all very odd especially when a little

might expect, although perhaps one might put that down to the conservative British rule.

Did you find the people friendly?

I liked the Cypriot people tremendously. They were gay with a great sense of humour. Individually extremely polite, but like children, over-inquisitive—they had to know everything that was going on. Nothing was too much trouble for them.

I worked with two Cypriots in my office when the emergency was over and through the months grew to know and like many of them. This certainly didn't apply during the troubled times when hatred was ever present and to be friendly was a criminal offence.

Were there any incidents while you were there?

Yes, there were a few, but I was lucky and never actually saw anything with my own eyes. I had stones thrown at me once or twice.

How did the Cypriots react to the British?

INDOCTRINATED

Outwardly the Cypriots firmly believed that the British rule was tyrannical—they were so indoctrinated with EOKA ideals—but inwardly they hated and were horrified at the bloodshed. The imagination of the adolescents had been caught and to fight for their cause was to them the beginning and end of life and honour, little realising that through their efforts many innocent peace-loving Cypriots were daily victimised because they weren't showing enough patriotic fervour.

What do you think the future holds for Cyprus?

Cyprus, "The Island of Love," is a poor island and even with the financial help donated by the United Kingdom, Britain and Greece, it will be a long time before any sort of trade and prosperity will ripen. They are recovering from a severe operation, but unlike the Germans they are a lazy nation and I have a feeling that there will be much talk and little action before anything begins to happen.

The tourist trade could bring some prosperity to the island. The swimming there is superb and the climate ideal and one can even sit during some of the months in the Troodos Mountains. It is an island filled with contrasting scenery and moods.

UNHAPPINESS

But before Cyprus can rest on her laurels and think she will have a great deal of internal unhappiness and turmoil. The island will split into three, Makarios backed by EOKA, Geras with ENOSIS action, and the Communists jumping from one end of the sea-saw to the other. And through this Cyprus will become a "house divided," which may or may not fall. Time alone can tell.



Fil Fox

man climbed in and, with an awed voice as though we were doomed from the start, instructed all the men to sit on the outside seats nearest the windows. He told us that anything might happen on the journey, bombs, ambushes, fire, the lot. With masterly planning we were taken on a very devious route to Famagusta to escape all these, but in case we felt we were missing anything all the places on the road where all sorts of nasty things had happened were pointed out to us!

How did you like Cyprus?

BEAUTIFUL ISLAND

It's a beautiful island but it's going through a growing up stage. It's neither young and primitive or adult and sophisticated—just an island lacking the charm of other Mediterranean shores. The villages and towns completely miss the Continental atmosphere that one

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WHAT WOULD A TON OF COAL COME TO?

## MODELLING IN HONGKONG

"There's plenty of opportunity here but women just don't seem to bother about fashion in Hong-kong. Maybe you can put it down to the heat, but although I've been here for some years, rarely do I say to myself, 'There goes a really smart woman'."

This is the view of tall, graceful dark-haired Mrs. Nan Cowie who is shortly going to try and remedy this unfashionable lapse. She is going to open a modelling school which she hopes will give people just that extra something which is lacking at the moment.

This Silhouette School of Modelling as it is to be called, which is one to start in mid-September, has a syllabus covering a wide range of subjects from dietetics and chiropody to hair styling and actual fashion.

It is a new idea for Hongkong as until now there hasn't been a school like it here before.

Help All Women

Nan hopes to not only train future models to diploma standards but also to help all women to learn to dress well and to be able to walk and sit the way it should be done to look attractive.

"You may spend a small fortune for a particular dress," Nan said, "but if you're going to



NAN COWIE

slouch into a room and flop into a chair the whole effect is going to be ruined."

I shifted uneasily in my seat and hoped I wasn't too much of a flop.

She went on, "You may walk and sit beautifully but still ruin the same outfit by wearing far too much jewellery."

Not having any on at all I felt a bit safer on that one.

"On the other hand," added Nan, "a bracelet or a necklace can do wonders for some frocks if they are well chosen."

One candidate for modelling course coming up.

Assistant

Assisting Nan in the school will be Mrs. R. Heron who will teach deportment and ballet exercises. They are both trained models. Nan herself has worked in London and Paris and while in the Colony has done a lot of organising connected with fashion shows.

"I would like to see more shows put on by the individual dress shops," she told me. "It would help bring people up to date as at the moment we are sadly behind the times here. Take the new short skirt length. In other places it's been going for about two years but out here it's only just arrived!"

Lee Astor

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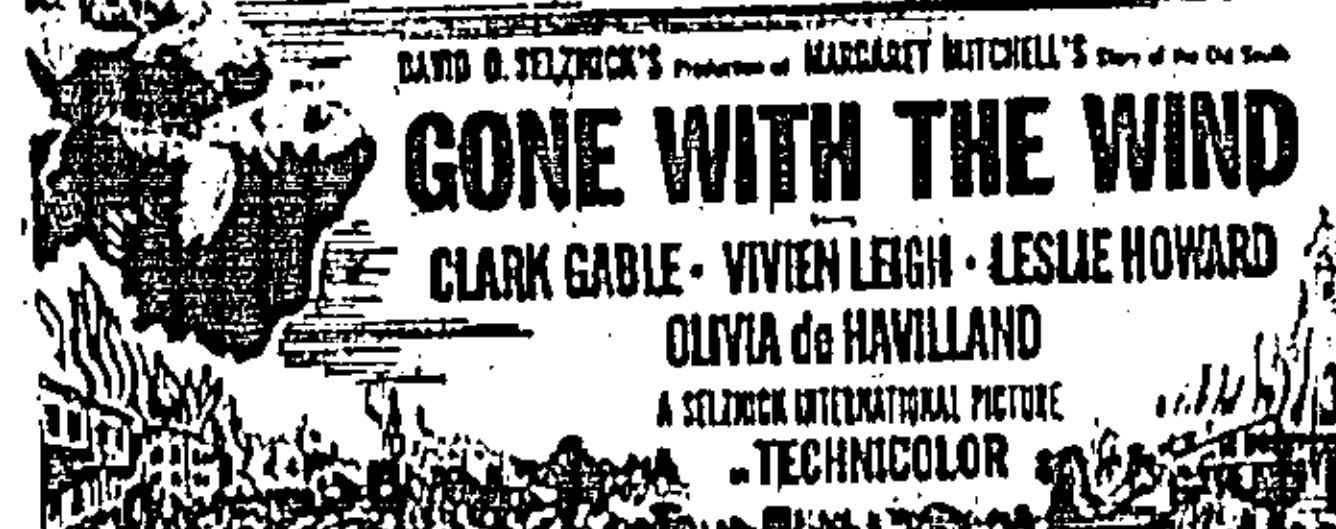


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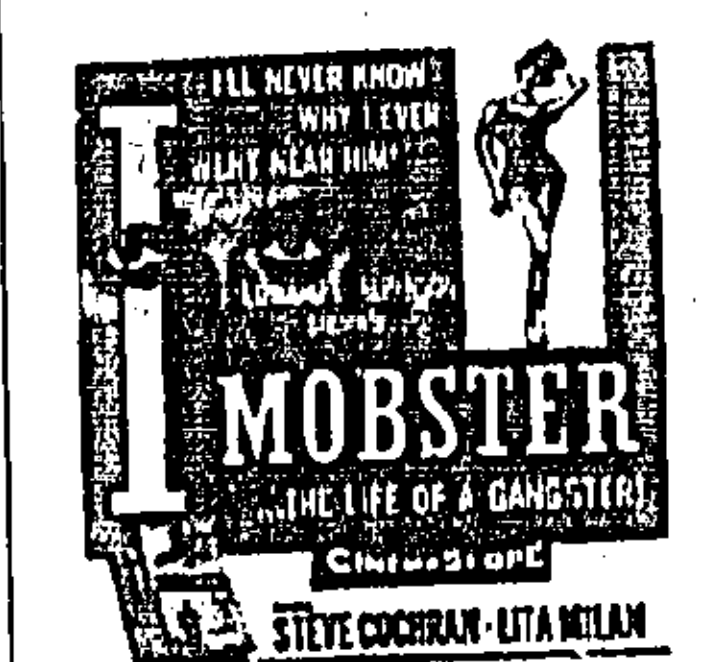


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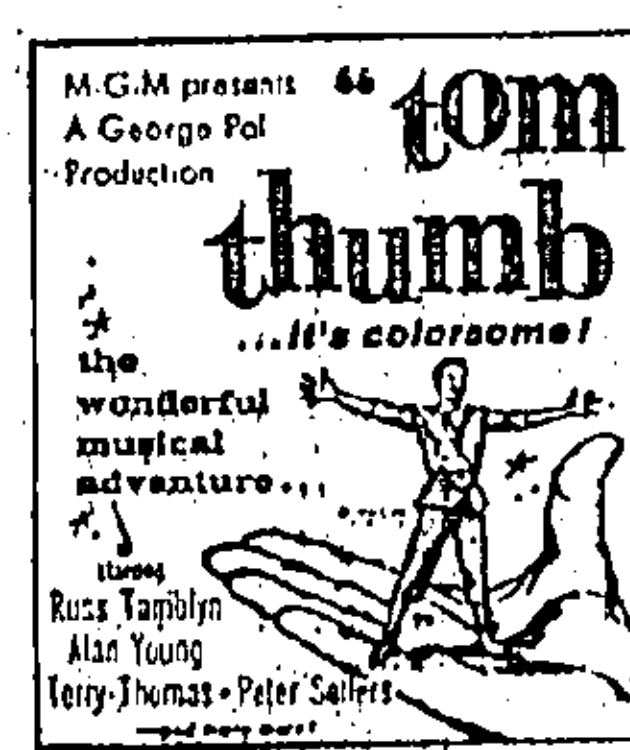


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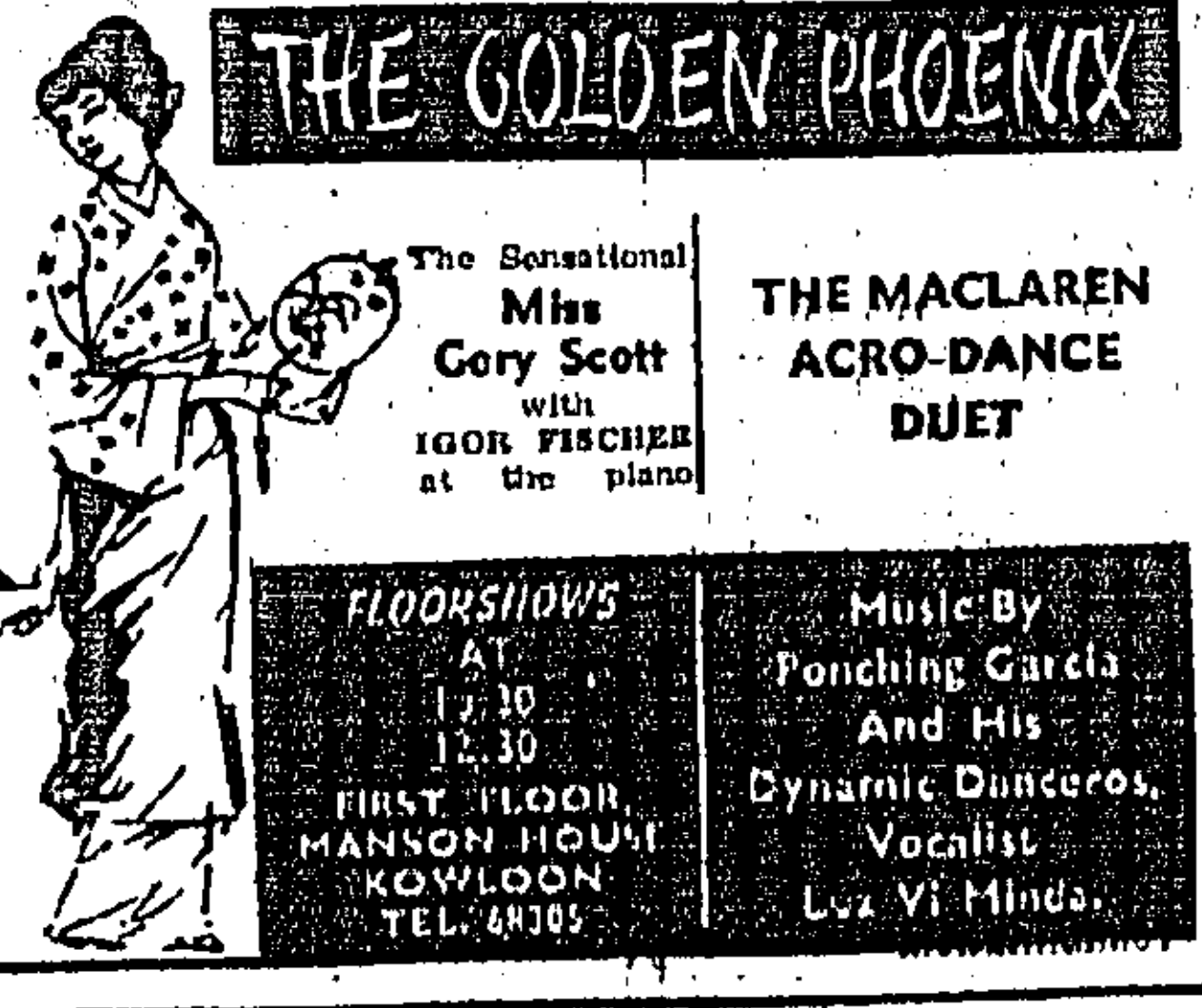
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# Fighting In Two Laos Provinces

## RED GUERRILLAS FANNING OUT FROM NORTH

Vientiane, Aug. 18. Communist guerilla activity has resumed in the Sam Neua province of Laos in the last 48 hours.

General Ouane Rattikone, Chief of Staff of the Laotian Army, said today about 700 guerilla fighters trained by Communist North Vietnam were fanning out towards the east and west in a move aimed at cutting off the Sam Neua and Phongsavay provinces.

**THREE COMPANIES**  
General Ouane said three companies of about 130 each were taking part in each drive. These two provinces were formerly held by pro-Communist Pathet Lao forces but were re-integrated into the kingdom last year as a result of the Geneva agreement of 1954.

Communist North Vietnam has since claimed that the Geneva agreement has been broken. In the south, General Ouane added, 400 rebel guerillas were active in Savannakhet province and 500 in Phakhet province.

**REBELS KILLED**  
General Ouane said in a clash in the Phongsavay province yesterday, three Pathet Lao rebels were killed, 11 prisoners taken and 14 guns captured. He said that 1,000 rebel troops entered by China were waiting in South China and they could be used in an encircling movement around Phongsavay province.

Mr. Khamphan Panha, the Laotian Foreign Minister, said in an interview with an Indian correspondent this morning that he believed the possibility of a renewed flare-up in Laos would depend on what happened at the meeting in Washington between President Eisenhower and Mr. Khrushchev and at the United Nations General Assembly, where Laos has sent a special emissary to explain charges that North Vietnam has been involved in attacks.

The minister was quoted as saying: "The Communists are waiting their opportunity."—Reuter.

**New Drug For Surgery**  
Edinburgh, Aug. 18. A new drug—trophenium—for the reduction of bleeding during surgery has been developed by the pharmaceutical firm of Dunlop, Flockhart and Company Ltd.

The new drug is based on the alkaloid atropine which is obtained naturally from the leaves of the deadly nightshade or from the Australian plant called duboisia.—Reuter.

## Wanted To See The Queen

London, Aug. 18. A well-dressed woman carrying a shopping bag tried to force her way into Buckingham Palace to-night.

She said she wanted to see the Queen—now on holiday at Balmoral Castle, Scotland.

An eye-witness said after the woman was prevented from going into the Palace she went up to one of the guardsmen on duty and pulled at his rifle.

A policeman spoke to her and then she tried to enter the Palace again.

Later the woman was taken to Cannon Row police station in a police van.—China Mail Special.

## Venezuelan Politicians In Brawl

Monte Carlo, Aug. 18. Two rival Venezuelan politicians spilled the bad blood between them with their teeth, fingernails and a jagged piece of crockery in an alley-way brawl at 7 o'clock yesterday.

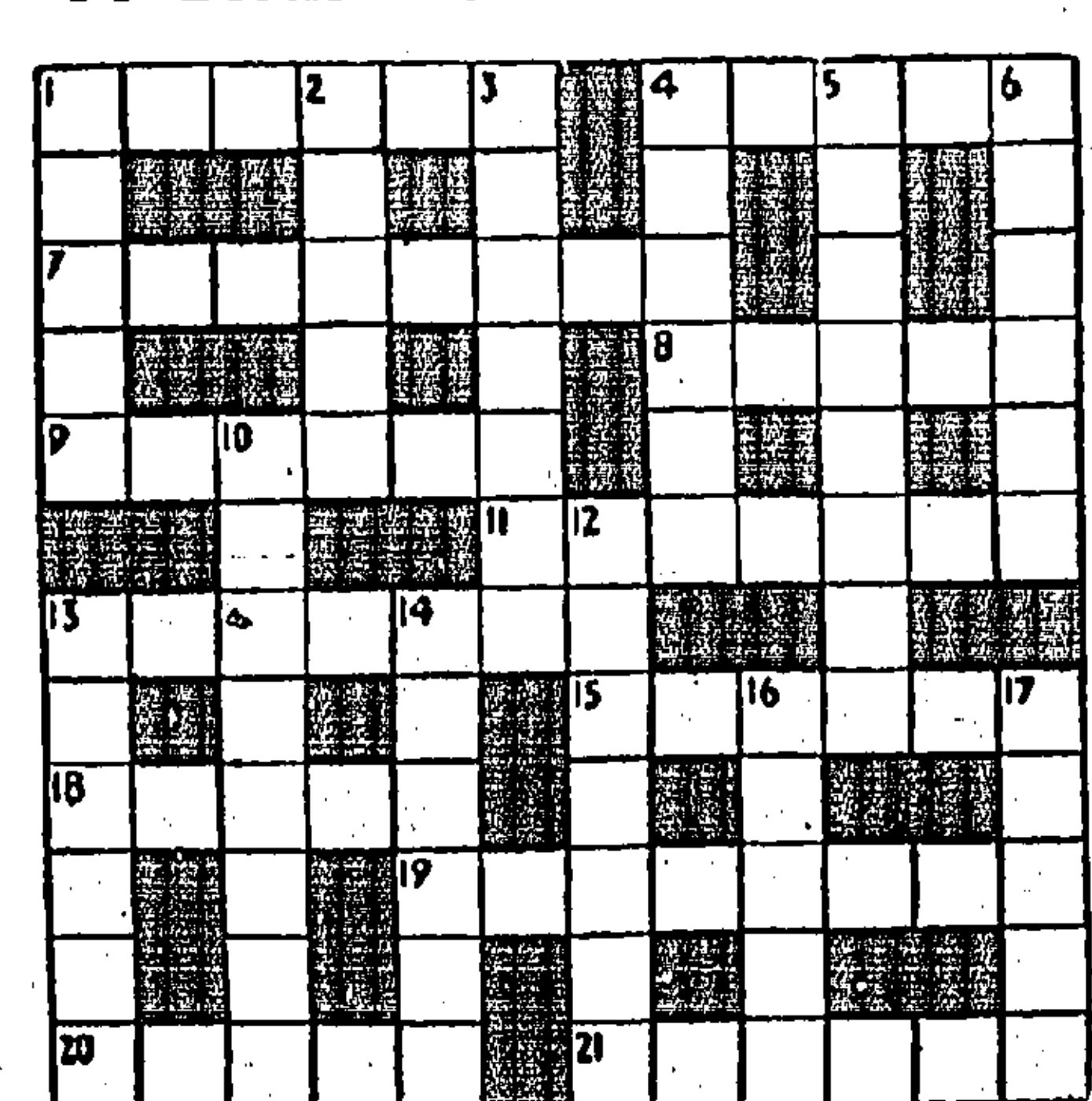
Involved were exiled former Interior Minister Laureano Vallentilla-Lanz and Mariano Araya, who described himself as a personal representative of the Venezuelan Foreign Minister. When the brawl was over, Araya had 20 stitches put in his face. Vallentilla-Lanz, missed deep scratches and a severe bite wound on his arm. A waiter got a bloody nose for his efforts to break up the fight.—UPI.

## Heads Fall In Yemen

Aden, Aug. 18. A number of Yemeni Army officers alleged to have been responsible for disturbances in the Red Sea kingdom in June have been summarily tried and sentenced to indefinite terms of imprisonment, according to reliable reports reaching here.

Two soldiers alleged to have shot dead a judge and his brother on June 12 had been condemned to death off in public with a sword, the reports said. Many other soldiers, including high-ranking officers, are still awaiting trial in prisons.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Forerunners of effects (6).
- 4 Run over briefly (5).
- 7 Tired train-beaters? (6).
- 8 Drinks like a fish (5).
- 9 River tributary (6).
- 11 Possibly earnest Oriental (7).
- 13 —and his opposite (7).
- 15 Trans-Atlantic figure (6).
- 18 Lover's capital letter (5).
- 19 Film high-up (6).
- 20 Contradictory poet (5).
- 21 No rest for an old counsellor (6).

DOWN

- 1 Paid by the losing side, maybe (5).
- 2 Race? Come on, you! (5).
- 3 Vessel in a kitchen (7).
- 4 Native of Tarsus (6).
- 5 One of a coming clan (6).
- 6 Cooler (6).
- 10 Two girls for remembrance (6).
- 12 Dog and metal (7).
- 13 Ground associated with Hastings (6).
- 14 Clearly not the arrival book (6).
- 16 They turn the scales (5).
- 17 Comparatively certain (5).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 1 Imps, 4 Caution, 8 Eels, 9 Crew, 10 Asse-n-tu, 11 Erse, 12 Tier, 14 Student, 17 Harsh, 19 Siege, 22 Titanic, 26 Dens, 27 Nice, 28 All-fired, 29 A-L.M.S., 30 Miel (male), 31 Dog-eat, 32 Saah. Down: 2 Mirella, 3 Severn, 4 C-las, 5 Asses, 6 Tread, 7 Of-ten, 12 That, 13 Earl, 15 Epoe, 16 Toes, 18 Cinema, 20 Ideals, 21 Gnomes, 23 Igloo, 24 Aloes, 25 Cluer.

## Brisbane Welcomes Princess

Brisbane, Aug. 18. The people of Brisbane hauled office chairs and tables into the streets today and stood on them to welcome Princess Alexandra as she drove into the capital of Queensland.

The Princess flew from Canberra this morning to attend the state's centenary celebrations.

At the City Hall, there was an embarrassed silence as she tried to sign the visitors book. She scratched away with the dry official pen for a few seconds before Lord Mayor Reg Groom hastily lent her his pen.

She signed the book with a flourish amid loud cheers from the crowd.

Thousands of people had lined the eight-mile route from the airport to greet the Princess. During her 23 days in the state, she will visit 22 cities.—Reuter.

## INDONESIAN REBELS TO GET MARCHING ORDERS

From Gordon Hung

Singapore, Aug. 18. The Singapore Government is taking action to curb the activities of the rebels here. Residential visas or permits of several key men in this group are likely to be revoked. Among them are some Indonesian Chinese.

The rebels will now have to try and move their sphere of activity to Hongkong, where they already have been hampered by the Special Branch and are largely inactive, or they may have to move up as far as Japan.

In a move to rid the island of rebel elements, Singapore's get-tough policy is intended to create the right atmosphere for the coming trade talks with Indonesia. Malaya has barred the rebels entering the Federation since last year.

## Swastika On Jewish Project

Glen Rock, N.J., Aug. 18. A blood-red swastika has been painted on a sign at the site of a future Jewish community centre in the latest of a series of attacks on the project, it was disclosed today.

Abe F. Brillner, chairman of the centre's building fund committee, said he was certain the grim reminder of Nazism was painted by a crank.

Although the incident marked the third time the site has been defaced or destroyed, Brillner felt that it was not prompted by anti-Semitism.

"I came to this town 16 years ago, when there were only four Jewish families and I never found a trace of anti-Semitism," Brillner said.

Fred Demarest, Mayor of this wealthy Bergen County community, said "these destroyers of property, when caught will be dealt with severely."—UPI.

## UK ANTI-VICE LAW HAVING EFFECT

London, Aug. 18. The dwindling parade of prostitutes through the London courts continued today following the introduction last weekend of tougher laws to keep vice off the streets.

Only one woman was charged under the new Street Offences Act at the Marlborough Street Magistrates Court in the West End. She was fined £5 with the alternative of 14 days imprisonment for soliciting.

Under the old law, passed in 1830, she was fined the maximum penalty of £2 for

a similar offence last February.

At Bow Street, another Central London court only one woman was charged under the new act. She was fined £5.

Birmingham had its first two prosecutions under the Anti-vice Laws. One, aged 19, was fined £5 or 21 days imprisonment; and another, aged 24, was fined £10 or 28 days.

Three women in Manchester were fined £5 each. One was given the alternative of a month's imprisonment.—China Mail Special.

## Offer Raised In Harrods Takeover Bid

London, Aug. 18.

MR Hugh Fraser, head of the House of Fraser chain of shops, last night announced that he had raised his offer for control of Harrods, the famous London department store.

The board of Harrods have already recommended that shareholders to accept a £38 million offer by the rival Debenhams Stores.

But Mr Fraser, Scottish drapery millionaire, has raised his offer to around the same mark.

In a letter being sent to Harrods' shareholders he is offering 60s 6d a share—an increase of 6s 6d over his previous offer— and two-and-a-half per cent of Harrods ordinary shares, three-and-a-half Debenhams ordinary shares of 10s each plus £2 in cash. For each £1 Harrods seven-and-a-half per cent cumulative preference stock, one ordinary 10s Debenhams share plus 10s in cash.

The offer also allowed for Harrods' directors to continue in their present offices. Harrods yesterday announced a "satisfactory increase" in the net total profit for the financial half-year and a doubled interim dividend of 10 per cent.—China Mail Special.

## Hawaii No. 50 Friday

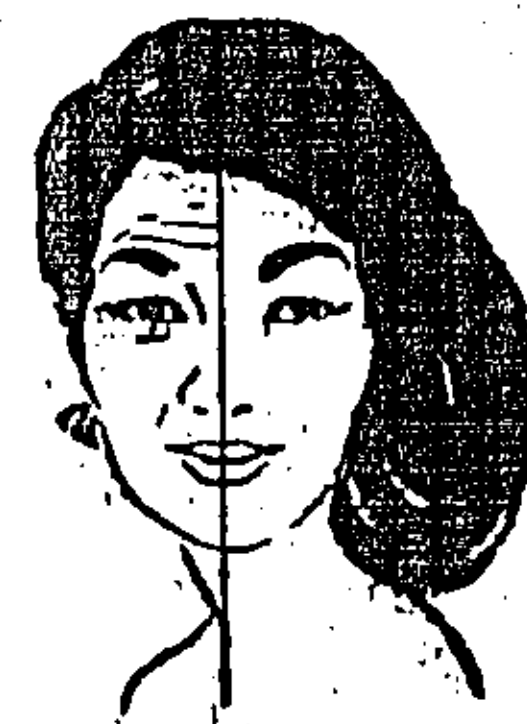
Washington, Aug. 18. Hawaii will formally become the 50th State on Friday.

The White House announced today that President Eisenhower would return to Washington from his "working holiday" headquarters at Gettysburg for the occasion.

At 2000 GMT on that day the President will issue a proclamation designating Hawaii as a State in the Union and, at the same time, will unveil the design of the new national flag. The new emblem will have 50 stars instead of the present 48.

As soon as Hawaii's statehood is formally proclaimed, her two elected senators and single House of Representatives member will be able to take their seats in Congress.—Reuter.

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## LONDON BUS IN MOSCOW

Moscow, Aug. 18.

Crowds of Russians gaped, laughed and waved today as a red London bus carrying a party of Oxford undergraduates trundled along Gorky Street, Moscow's main thoroughfare, and across Red Square by the Kremlin walls.

The 20-year-old double-decker bus was blazoned on both sides with advertisements seen every day in London—one for a famous whisky and another for a well-known stout.

With John Cochrane, 24, at the wheel, the bus sailed majestically past Lenin's Tomb, giving its passengers—30 men and six girls—their first glimpse of Moscow by day.

The bus had rumbled into Moscow late last night after a long run which began in London a week ago and continued across Germany, Poland and Russia.

Cochrane, who shared the driving with Cary Parker, 24, of Philadelphia, took the bus straight to Moscow University on the Lenin hills, on the outskirts of the city, where the party is staying at the invitation of the university authorities for the next 10 days.—China Mail Special.

Washington, Aug. 18.

The State Department indicated today it has turned down former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista's application for permission to come to the United States.—UPI.

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# The only war in the world

THE UMBRELLAS SEEM  
A LITTLE RIDICULOUS,  
THE ISSUE IS NOT!

by  
**STEPHEN CONSTANT**

IN the kingdom of Laos an umbrella is traditionally considered more useful than a gun. This tiny landlocked Indo-Chinese kingdom of 25 post offices, 536 telephones, and 1,000,000 elephants has suddenly become the new pressure point between East and West.

And while Khrushchev and Eisenhower are getting ready to meet, trouble is creeping through the back door. Laos is in the kindest sense comic opera territory with shades of "The King and I," Eric Ambler, and lots of "Quiet Americans" who have become unquiet in the last few days. For now civil war is raging between the Government and Communist rebels. The rest of this apparent comic opera war is:

For the Government:—

The King—who takes no direct part in politics.

The Crown Prince—who does, but also collects antiques.

The Premier—a dynamic anti-Communist who hero-worships de Gaulle.

Against the Govern-  
ment:—

The Rebels—composed of Communists and Black Thai tribesmen.

The Red Prince—Prince Souphanouvong, leader of the pro-Communist Opposition, now under arrest.

Ho Chi Minh—the bearded leader of Communist Viet Nam and one-time dishwasher at the old Carlton, London.

Supporting cast, promoters, and stage managers are:—

## Ruin shy

For the Government—American envoys who pump millions of dollars of aid into the country.

For the Rebels—mighty Communist China, supplier of money and arms to the rebels.

It is not a big war. Only a few thousand are actually fighting. And at the first drop of rain, rifles are dropped. For the Laotians are notoriously rain shy. The highest distinction is to be allowed to carry a white umbrella—the Laotian equivalent to the Order of the Garter.

But, though small, the war is very important.

Look at the map. If there ever was a buffer State, this is it. Laos is a soft centre, surrounded by (clockwise) Red China, Communist Viet Nam, Viet

Nam proper, Cambodia, Siam, and Burma.

It is as easy as pie to cross the frontier into Laos from any of these countries. And for ambitious Communist China, Laos is the natural and easiest way of penetrating and grabbing the whole of Indo-China, the plains of Siam, and strategic Malaya.

The Americans know this. That is why Laos got the largest amount of American aid per head of population in the world.

French influence in this corner of the old French Empire is still strong (to be smart you must know French), but the Americans are ousting it gradually. The use of the present war in Laos was lit in 1954 when the Geneva Conference ended the Indo-Chinese war between the French and the Communists.

## Corruption

Laos emerged as an independent State after the conference.

A new Government was formed in 1958 supported by all anti-Communist elements in the country. Its aim: to stop the Communist advance and also to do away with the old, corrupt politicians. Very pro-Western and dynamic, the new Government became known as "Les Jeunes" ("The Young Ones").

The vigorous anti-Communist and anti-corruption measures of "Les Jeunes" alarmed the Com-

munist in Laos, Viet Nam, and China. Hence the revolt.

Already the non-Communist neighbours of Laos, forgetting old quarrels, are clubbing together to counter the Reds. In Laos itself is a French air base. To the north—unlimited supplies of Communist arms.

## Threat

The question is: will the Communist Chinese support the revolt to the hilt?

Or is the disturbance a carefully planned Chinese manoeuvre aimed at creating trouble just at a time when Russia and America are ready to talk?

For there is no reason to think that China approves of Summit talks.

There is strong evidence that last year China intervened and prevented Russia from talking at the Summit by threatening to spoil everything by invading the Nationalist islands off Formosa.

It could be that this year the threat is Laos.

The Chinese fear that Russia will settle her difficulties with America without furthering China's interests.

So Laos is not only a struggle between East and West. It is also a trial of strength between China and Russia.

On its outcome may depend the Summit.

(London Express Service).

## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Do you recall my saying, Crackerhorpe, that we must all be on our guard lest loyal sentiments degenerate into hopeless sentimentality?"

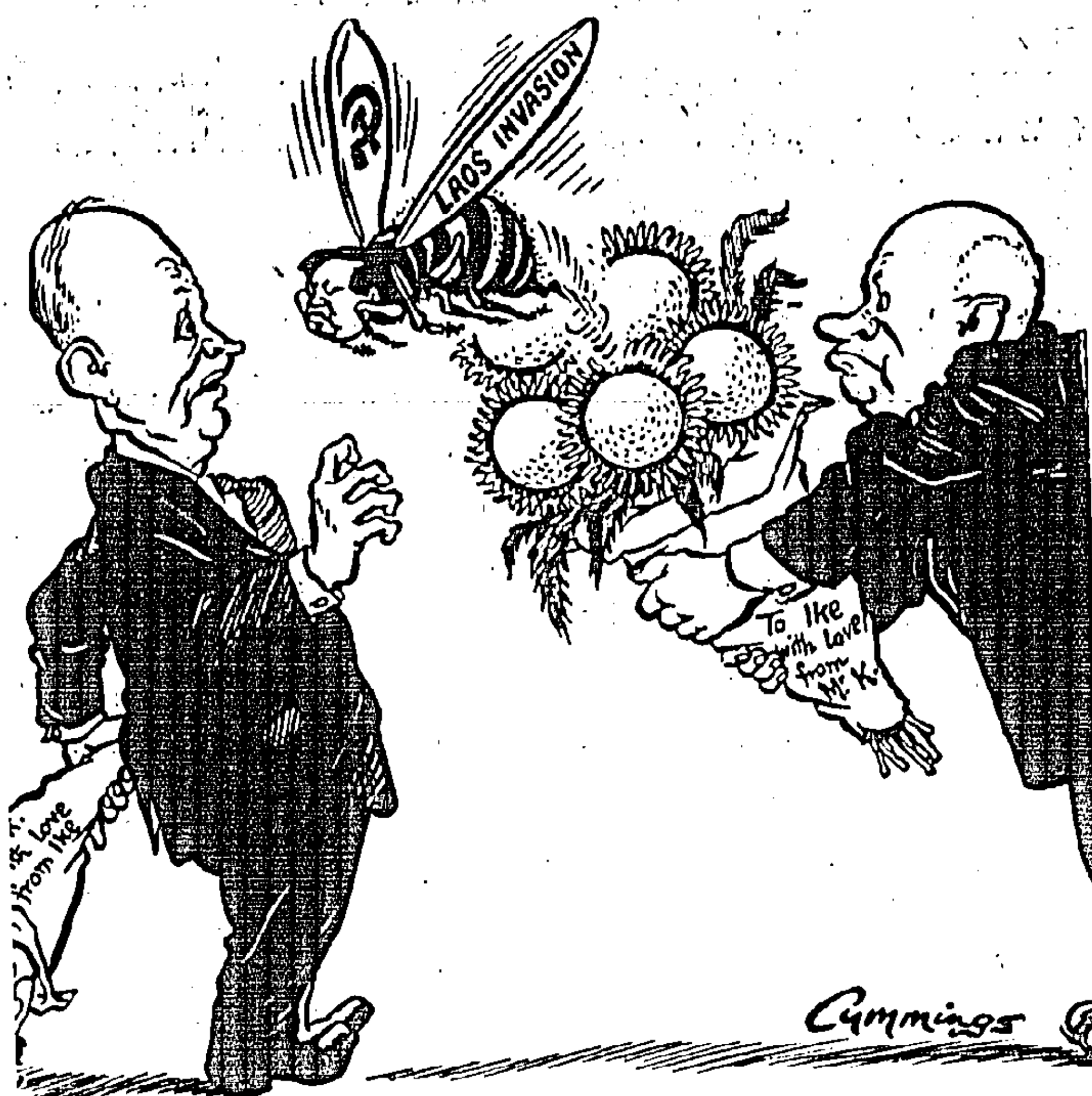
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## TALKING POINTS

Women and elephants never forget an injury.

★ ★ ★  
Votes should be weighed, not counted.

—SCHILLER.



(London Express Service).

# Monty's No. 2 says it's time to call a truce...

A FRANK INTERVIEW... by TOM POCOCK

"GOODNESS, how I wish these generals would stop quarrelling!" sighed Sir Francis de Guinand. "And I'm particularly surprised that Dick McCreery has now joined in."

Sir Francis, a director of Tube Investments and once Chief of Staff to Field-Marshal Montgomery, was referring to an attack by General Sir Richard McCreery upon his wartime predecessor as 8th Army Commander. In his regimental journal Sir Richard has accused his old brother-in-arms Monty of bungling the battle of El Alamein.

"What is so odd," continued Sir Francis, "reading the angry words through tortoise-shell rimmed spectacles, is that McCreery gave no impression of being critical of Monty at the time. Indeed, after Alamein, he was most flattering about him."

General McCreery had told Monty that he had been spurred to attack Montgomery's generalship by the number of personal attacks that had been made in generals' memoirs since the war.

## 'SLOGGING'

He had, therefore, at last given vent to his criticisms, the most damaging of which is that Monty did not know how to handle tank forces. He wrote: "The wearing of a black beret, even with two badges on it, did not make a tank expert."

General de Guinand defended Monty in detail. The German defences at Alamein had been so strong and so deep that the only way through them was "solid, slogging dog-fighting."

McCreery, he said, was a cavalryman and did not like seeing tanks used in this way. Nobody did, said de Guinand, but there was no other way.

He added, "Monty was an infantryman but how often I saw the so-called armour experts of pre-war days fall dismally in war."

I mentioned General McCreery's charge that Monty had been "determined to get rid of" Major-General Herbert Lumsden and had finally "sacrificed him."

De Guinand agreed that Lumsden had been an experienced corps commander and that there had been "a clash of personalities." But, he said he did not consider Monty's action.

## FORGOTTEN

I remember of conference Lumsden held before Alamein at which he did not conceal his criticisms of Monty's plan. You cannot blame Monty for wanting to move a key senior commander who persistently disagreed with his ideas.

"But then McCreery and Lumsden were great friends and in the same cavalry regiment," General de Guinand can speak about war memoirs with authority because his own Operation Victory—published early in 1947—was the first of the British war memoirs.

"I leaned over backwards to avoid making unjust accusations and pillorying people when I did not know the full facts," he said. "Nowadays critics tend to forget the fog of war, the tiredness and strain...the



Monty—and Admirers.

I am trying to make peace between Monty and Ike—it may take a long time

faulty intelligence...the orders which were misinterpreted. It all seems so straightforward when you look back over the years."

Naturally, Sir Francis said, war leaders saw events through their own eyes and from their own position and they sometimes tended to forget facts that disagreed with their views. For example, he said, he doubts whether the war in Europe would have ended in 1944 even had Montgomery's plan been adopted.

"Monty says it would have ended then—but that is only his opinion."

## CRITICAL

More especially, he is critical of war leaders whose memoirs are written for them.

"Lord Alanbrooke made a terrible mistake when he allowed Sir Arthur Bryant to write his memoirs. They gave quite the wrong impression of Alanbrooke. He seemed always to be right."

"In war nobody is always right. I know someone who has read the second volume which is coming out in the autumn—'and it is very critical of the Yanks.'"

"This is a pity because I suspect the Americans concerned could marshal enough documentary evidence to present an equally forceful case to the contrary. In fact, I know like could..."

Then Sir Francis de Guinand made an important statement. He said: "I am trying to make peace between Montgomery and Eisenhower."

"I know both men well and often correspond with them."

They go to the polls today, but...

# Malaya's Alliance Party won't win without a fight



B. GORDON HUNG

Our Correspondent in Malaya

Kuala Lumpur.

IT is taken for granted that the ruling triple Alliance Party will be returned to power in the elections today, but the question in every-one's mind is "What majority will the Alliance win by?"

The triple Alliance which is comprised of three parties, the United Malays National Organisation, the Malayan Chinese Association, the Malayan Indian Congress, seems to have healed up the breach when the MCA threatened to leave the Alliance over seat allocation for this election and Chinese education.

But some of the top men in the MCA resigned and are now standing as independents in the parliamentary elections. These Chinese "rebels" are trying to form a united opposition to the Alliance.

Whether this recent crisis will have any effect on the Alliance in the elections is hard to tell. The party now present a united front to the nation but the open clash a few months ago did harm the solidarity of the party. One of the main problems facing the Alliance now is how long the party will stay united and how the Chinese will vote this time.

## A reason

With the inroads made by the Pan-Malayan Islamic Party in the recent state elections—they won in Kelantan and Terengganu on the East Coast, while the Alliance won in the other nine states—the Alliance men in their campaigning have stressed upon the electorate that the party has carried out 80 per cent of their 1955 election promises since they came to power five years ago.

The Alliance leader, Tengku Abdul Rahman, who stepped down from the premiership to prepare the party for the forthcoming elections—he has since stated that he will take over the reins of government if the party is returned to power—has just completed an extensive 10-day election campaign on the East Coast to try and break the hold the village elders and the Muslim religious leaders have over the Malayan voters there.

One of the reasons for the success of the PMIP, which wants to turn Malaya into an Islamic nation for Malays only, in this area is that the undeveloped East Coast is largely inhabited by Malay villagers who follow what their elders and imams (religious leaders) say.

## 'Malays first'

The Tengku has said that his "whisper campaign" to villages "gone PMIP" on the East Coast was a great success. Referring to the two PMIP states, the Tengku said that the party had a "good fighting chance" in Terengganu, but the Alliance was still on the "defensive" in Kelantan. Pahang, another East Coast state where PMIP have influence, would vote Alliance according to the Tengku.

The PMIP assessment of its prospects in these three states are: Kelantan—We hope to get all 10 seats; Terengganu—We have a 60-40 chance here; and Pahang—We are doing our best.

The Malayan People's Socialist Front—made up of the Labour Party of Malaya and the Party Ra'ayat—is an up and coming party although only five years old. In the recent State elections, 16 seats fell to the Front of the 282 State Assembly seats at stake, and most of their support came from the urban areas. The Front is also strong in the states of Penang and Selangor.

Apart from the Alliance, this is the only other real national party.

In this election there will be 258 candidates for the 104 seats in the new House of Representatives. The Alliance are fielding a full complement of 104 candidates, which include 32 Chinese from the MCA and three Indians from the MIC. The rest are from the UMNO.

One of the biggest assets of the Alliance in an assessment of its popularity alongside other opposition parties in the eyes of the people is that while other political parties are promising Malay as the national language, Islam as the state religion, education, urban and rural benefits if they are voted into power, all these schemes have been implemented by the Alliance since it came into power five years ago.

Taking the recent State elections as a barometer of the voting trend—the Alliance captured 207 seats (73.5 per cent)—the party should be able to win 65 to 75 seats in the coming parliamentary elections when 1.8 million people flock to the polls today.

## Parties and Candidates

ALLIANCE	104
PMIP	58
Socialist Front	37
PPP	19
Nagara	2
Malayan Party	2
Independents	29
Total	250 for 104 seats

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## LADY LUCK

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): A letter you were expecting has at last arrived, but unfortunately the contents may involve you in considerable expense.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Just because a newcomer has been taken on at your place of work you must not feel that you are being pushed into the background.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Your personal relationships are to a great extent based on emotion, but you must guard against being swayed too much by sentiment.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Although you are expecting something out of the ordinary to happen, the meeting which is about to take place will develop in the usual conventional fashion.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): A modification of your activities will mean a reduction of your present long hours, yet ought to increase your income considerably.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): Due to the improved efficiency you have introduced into your work you will benefit materially and also improve your chances of advancement.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): Sympathy with the troubles of a comparative stranger may result in the formation of a lasting friendship.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): Your usual standards cannot always be applied when visiting a strange country; you must make allowances for a different way of life.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): You as an individual are quite helpless to change conditions and you must accept the inevitable fact that the world does not stand still.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): You will feel great relief after you have repaid an old debt.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): A colleague's opposition to your new scheme is, you will find if you will only take the trouble to listen to him, more imaginary than real.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Unexpected assistance will make your present strenuous task much easier to finish.

**YOUR LUCKY CARD:** If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the EIGHT OF HEARTS.

## JACOBY on BRIDGE

**NORTH's** two spade bid was a calculated risk. If everyone passed the chances were that he had missed a game but his experience told him that everyone wasn't going to pass.

Sure enough, East jumped right to four hearts. Now when it got back to North he went to four spades. East had no means of telling that North's four spade bid was anything but a sacrifice and since East had no particular interest in trying for 11 tricks at hearts he doubled.

South had no trouble making four spades. He simply set up dummy's diamond suit and lost one diamond, one heart and one club.

### ♥CARD SENSE♥

Q—The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

You, South, hold:  
♠AK65 ♥K32 ♦76 ♣AQ43  
What do you do?  
A—Bid one spade. You plan to raise hearts later on.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
Your partner rebids to two hearts. What do you do now?  
Answer Tomorrow

## Beamed For Fame

**THE** music-loving lunch-time audience of London workers sat listening intently as the pianist began with Bach's difficult C sharp major Prelude and Fugue.

The pianist was making her London debut; she was not very tall, and down her back hung two very long pig-tails—and she was only twelve years old.

Stephanie Barnford of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, followed her Bach with an only Beethoven sonata, Schumann's Scenes of Childhood, complete, and then three pieces which she had composed herself: "Birds and Beasts" was one, "Venus" another and then came "Collecting Fossils."

She was confident and happy and the provided her awe-struck audience with some wonderful listening. Highlights were a sublime ringing tone which she gave to Beethoven, a genuine warmth to Schumann and a slightly swaying rhythm to two Debussy pieces.

By CLARE YOUNG

Young Stephanie is rationed to two hours practice a day because of her schooling. Her father, scientist Dr Clement Barnford has no intention of letting Stephanie start a concert career yet. He rationed her public performances and has brought up his daughter to believe that the greatest treat possible is a ticket to a well-known pianist's recital.

A ticket to hear Dennis Matthews, for example. And Dennis Matthews also happens to be her music teacher!

Her tutor for composition: Sir Harold Ferguson of London's Royal College of Music.

### PRIVILEGED

Stephanie is privileged to have a wonderful start, but she has many years to go. The little girl who played so confidently at her London debut, wearing a simple blouse and skirt and those long pig-tails, beams at the world.

She has every right to, for her future is beaming right back at her.

## CAN YOU

MAKE A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE?

SINCE it was discovered nearly 2,000 years ago, man has been trying to find the "perfect" cup of coffee.

Only one opinion seems to be on record—that it should be "black as the devil, hot as hell, pure as an angel and sweet as love."

No two people can agree on what makes the perfect coffee. You can buy it blended or unblended, ground or in beans, lightly roasted, medium roasted or roasted almost black.

You can brew it in a percolator, an espresso machine, a filter, a vacuum, a drip-pot, a saucepan—or a plain china jug.

You can flavour it with whipped cream, eggs, chocolate, cinnamon, lemon peel, cognac, syrup or Irish whiskey.

You can serve it black or white, piping hot or poured over ice cubes.

The variations are almost limitless—which is half the pleasure of drinking coffee.

The easiest, oldest and best—according to some experts—way to make this brew is to put four heaped dessertspoons of coffee into a warmed china jug, pour in a pint of freshly boiled water, stir vigorously and leave to stand for one minute.

Then skim the coffee grounds, floating on the surface, stand for four more minutes, strain into another warmed china jug and serve at once. That's all there is to it.

In fact, making a good cup of coffee is child's play if you remember a few general principles.

### FULL STRENGTH

Always make coffee the full correct strength—four heaped dessertspoons to a pint of freshly boiled water. Too little coffee gives you a weak, insipid brew; too much makes for an acid, bitter taste.

Well-made coffee should be clear as a glass of wine. If you don't strain it properly, or if you wait long enough—four to six minutes—for the grounds to settle, you'll get coffee which is thick and muddy and thoroughly unpleasant.

Never boil the milk when you serve coffee au lait—it ruins the flavour. Warm it no more. Always use freshly ground coffee. The Continental trick is to grind the beans just before making the coffee. If you must buy it ready-ground, buy only a small quantity at a time and store it in an airtight tin.

### RECIPES

If you'd like to experiment with something a little more exciting than a coffee ordinary, try these recipes.

**Cafe Mocha:** Mix 1 bar of chopped, unsweetened chocolate, 3 tablespoons sugar, ½ cup milk in the top of a double boiler.

Cook over hot water until chocolate melts. Add dash salt, 1 cup milk, cook 10 minutes. Beat until frothy. Add ½ cups

hot coffee slowly, beating constantly. Serve topped with whipped cream, nutmeg, at an afternoon coffee party.

**Vincent Coffee:** Pour hot black coffee into over-sized cups. Add warmed milk and sugar, and top with whipped cream. Serve mid-morning.

**Cafe Borzla:** Combine equal parts of hot espresso coffee and hot chocolate. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with grated orange peel.

**Cafe Zabaglione:** Combine in a double boiler 4 egg yolks, 4 tablespoons sugar, ¾ cup espresso coffee. Whip until frothy, serve in dessert glasses.



It's herringbone tweed for this tailored dress trimmed at the waist by a giant bow.



Let's Eat  
BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## A Tip For Curry

"THIS beautiful day reminds me of Hawaii with its balmy climate and the fascinating dishes served there," observed the Chief.

"Remember that wonderful chicken curry Hawaiian? How we enjoyed eating it under the spreading luau tree in the outdoor dining room of the Hotel Haliulani!"

**Fresh Coconut**  
"Fresh coconut is an ingredient or accompaniment to many of the Island dishes."

To Remove Excess Sugar From Canned Coconut: To ½ c. of the canned flaked coconut, add 1 c. boiling water, then boil 5 min. Drain.

The excess sugar will be washed out and the coconut meat will retain much of its natural fresh flavour.

**Hawaiian Chicken Curry Dinner**  
Asparagus on Toast  
Chicken Curry Hawaiian Rice  
Indian Coconut Relish  
Orange Whip

Mandarin Orange Sections  
Coffee Tea Milk  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

**Chicken Curry Hawaiian:** Add ½ c. de-sweetened coconut to ½ c. milk. Heat to scalding

point. Refrigerate 1 hr., then strain.

Save the coconut to use in making Indian relish; the "milk" to use in making the curry sauce.

To do this, in a heavy saucepan melt ½ tsp. butter. Add 1 minced peeled onion, 1 minced peeled section garlic and 2 in. fresh ginger root or piece well-washed preserved ginger. Sauté ingredients until lightly browned.

Add 1 tbsp. curry powder. Sauté ½ min. Stir in 2 tsp. flour. Gradually stir in the coconut "milk." Add 4 c. flaked cooked chicken.

When ready to serve, add 1 tsp. lemon juice and salt to taste. Spoon over flaky rice. Accompany with Indian coconut relish served individually in small sauce dishes.

**The Chief's Indian Coconut Relish**  
Combine 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 2 chopped green onions with an inch of the tops, 1 tsp. minced basil, 1/3 c. salad oil 2 ½ tsp. wine vinegar, ½ tsp. sugar, ½ tsp. salt and ½ tsp. black pepper.

Cut 3 large fresh tomatoes in bite-sized chunks. Add the herb mixture. Stir in ½ c. de-sweetened canned flaked coconut. Chill 30 min.

Choose a complete matching outfit—with the hat as the ultimate touch.

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**Rupert and the Outlaws—3**

At length the excited dog sobers down enough to allow Rupert, who is almost breathless with laughing, to get up and hold him. "That's hardly a dog at all although it's so big," says Bill. "It's not much more than a puppy." At the word "puppy" Rupert pauses. "Do you remember?" he says. "Some time ago our pal Rastus was given a small, white puppy. Well, I believe this is the same one half-grown. It must have escaped. Look, it's still got its lead." He looks across the fields towards Rastus's cottage.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Some Magical Balloons

—Knarf And Hanid Spend An Afternoon Aloft—

By MAX TRELL

THE man with the balloons to sell, was standing in the park at the spot where the two paths met. He was standing there with the big mass of balloons in his hand as Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned About Names, came along.

The balloons were of all colours. They were attached to strings and they looked exactly like a bouquet of strange, round flowers in many colours.

"Good afternoon," the balloon-man said to Knarf and Hanid. "Would you like to buy one?"

### Hanid Remembers

Hanid looked at the balloon-man sharply. There was something about the sound of his voice and the look in his face, though he kept his face partly hidden by the strings of the balloons, that reminded Hanid of someone she knew. Suddenly she remembered.

"Why, it's you, Mr. Merlin! What are you doing selling balloons?"

By this time Knarf also recognized Mr. Merlin, the Magificent Magician, as the one who was now pretending to be a seller of balloons in the park.

Seeing that he was discovered, Mr. Merlin made no attempt to hide himself any longer. But he looked around to make sure no one was watching, and he lowered his voice to make sure no one was listening. Then he said:

### Magic Balloons

"Magic balloons?" said Knarf. "What can they do?"

"I'll show you," said Mr. Merlin with a wink. With that, Mr. Merlin reached up into the pile of balloons and gave Knarf six of them. "Take them," he said, "and you'll see what happens."

"Nothing will happen at all," said Knarf, as he reached for the balloons. "They're just like any other balloons."

But the instant Knarf took the balloons in his hand, he rose off his feet.

In astonishment Hanid saw her brother go floating over the tree-tops into the middle of the park.

"Come back! Come back!" Hanid shouted after Knarf.

"You'd better go after him my dear," Mr. Merlin said to Hanid. "But there's nothing to worry about. Here, take this bunch of balloons!"

Mr. Merlin handed Hanid six balloons. The next moment she was floating over the tree-tops, too.

She could see Knarf ahead of her, bobbing up and down, as he waved in friendly fashion to a flock of sparrows.

By moving her arms as though they were wings, Hanid soon caught up with Knarf.

It was really wonderful fun with Mr. Merlin's magic balloons floating high.

### Sit On Branches

They tied the strings to their shoes and to their wrists. The breeze carried them up and down and around the park, just over the tops of the trees, ever and out from Mr. Merlin. Sometimes they stopped for a moment to sit on one of the



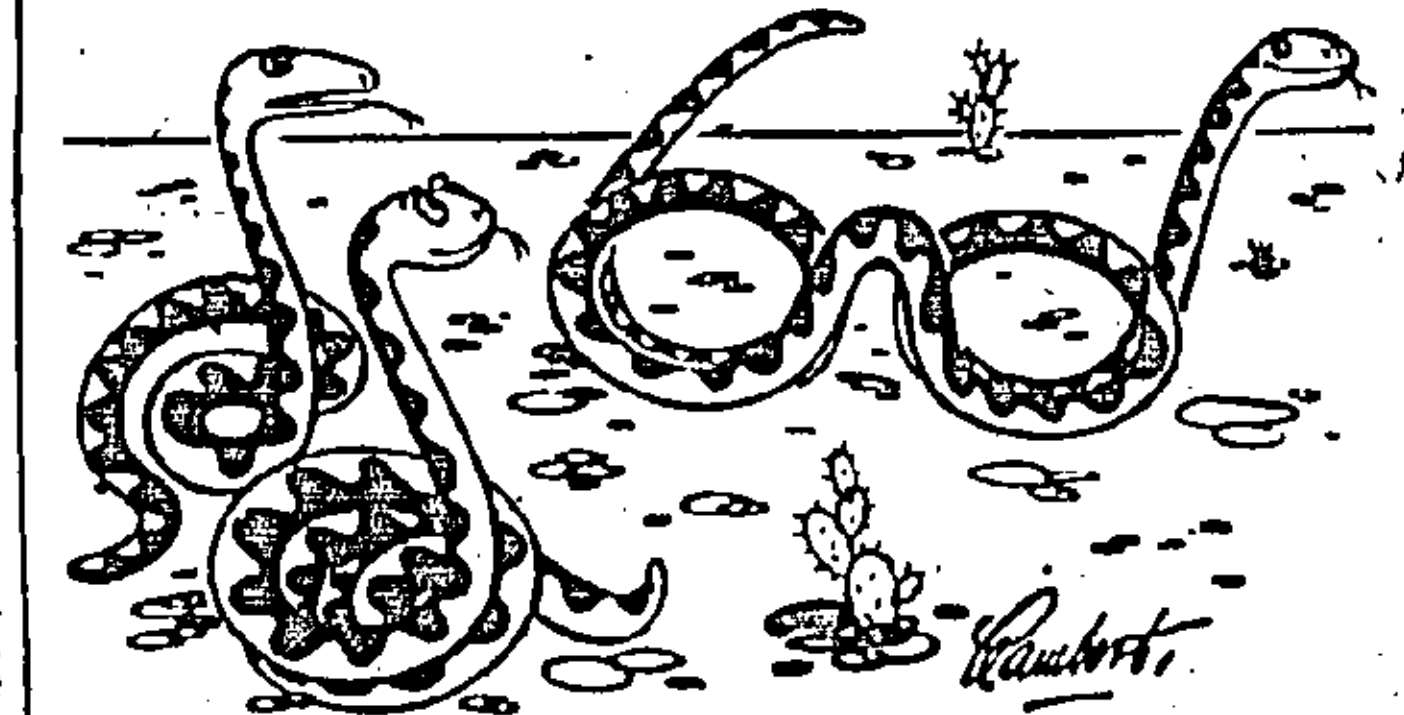
Knarf went soaring over the tree-tops in the park.

highest branches. Sometimes they stopped to wave down to the other people in the park who looked up at them and rubbed their eyes in surprise.

Mr. Merlin did some other tricks as well. Knarf and Hanid saw a squirrel go by with a red balloon tied to its paws.

They saw a rabbit go floating by with a balloon at each ear. But the strangest sight of all was to see Mr. Merlin himself go sailing by with a policeman holding on to each arm. Mr. Merlin, of course, carried a whole bunch of balloons. The policeman looked angry.

Everyone came safely down again in time for dinner. But neither Knarf nor Hanid could ever find out from Mr. Merlin where he got the magic balloons nor how they could buy them.



"There's George making a spectacle of himself again."

## Simply SENSATIONAL!

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## Chanel Look



By VERA WINSTON

THE CHANEL look, which has influenced fashion so strongly for three decades, is still going strong. This is because it makes for ease, a youthful line and crisp charm, all well geared to a busy way of life. It is nicely demonstrated in this sleeveless boxy jacket and pleated skirt of bright red worsted flannel. With it is a white silk classic shirt with long, French-cuffed sleeves. Each piece is interchangeable.

## Wind Cheaters

## THE NEW BREEZE BEATERS!

by JILL BUTTERFIELD

HERE is a surprise from the southern sun spots—caps and bonnets are the new fashion for the open air. Who started it? The cute, brunette film star, Pascale Petit, who wears a straw bucket hat swathed with a scarf to match her shirt.

There are a dozen new hat shapes for the beach, the boat, and the open car.

There is a scarf with a peak (trigby). It will take a typhoon to blow it off.

There is an American sailor's cap in checked cotton. There are light cotton stocking caps to get up and hold him. "That's hardly a dog at all although it's so big," says Bill. "It's not much more than a puppy." At the word "puppy" Rupert pauses. "Do you remember?" he says. "Some time ago our pal Rastus was given a small, white puppy. Well, I believe this is the same one half-grown. It must have escaped. Look, it's still got its lead." He looks across the fields towards Rastus's cottage.

choose a complete matching outfit—with the hat as the ultimate touch.

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**Rupert and the Outlaws—3**

At length the excited dog sobers down enough to allow Rupert, who is almost breathless with laughing, to get up and hold him. "That's hardly a dog at all although it's so big," says Bill. "It's not much more than a puppy." At the word "puppy" Rupert pauses. "Do you remember?" he says. "Some time ago our pal Rastus was given a small, white puppy. Well, I believe this is the same one half-grown. It must have escaped. Look, it's still got its lead." He looks across the fields towards Rastus's cottage.

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## SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: Britain's champion runner, Brian Hewson, takes a "possible" champion under his wing. He is shown here at the White City Stadium last week with the greyhound, Colonel Ivy Romance, which he recently bought in Ireland. The four-footed speedster was out for a trial to test its worth as a competitor at public meetings. — Central Press photo.



LEFT ABOVE: With the retirement of Wolverhampton Wanderers and England captain Billy Wright much interest will be shown this season on the progress of his successor in the Wolves centre-half position, George Showell. Photo here shows Showell in action.



RIGHT: Eyes turn goalwards after Hewson's goalkeeper for the Colours, had dived at the feet of Doherty, centre-forward for the Whites (right) during the trial match staged by Fulham at Craven Cottage ground, London, last week in preparation for Saturday's opening of the new soccer season. — Reuters photo.

LEFT: Derek Ibbotson gets back into form to win the one-mile event for the Emsley Carr trophy in the time of 4 mins 3.1 secs at White City last week. — Central Press photo.



ABOVE: A record number of 105 children took part in the Shek-O Country Club's annual children's swimming gala last Sunday.

Photo shows Reggie Parsons, winner of the diving event for boys from 10 to 17 years, performing one of the dives which earned him the J. F. MacGregor Trophy.



RIGHT: Another happy winner at the Shek-O Country Club's swimming meeting was young Anthony Lane. Photo shows him receiving the Keswick Cup from Mrs E. G. Smith-Wright, after coming out first in the diving event for boys of nine years of age and under. — China Mail photo.



The new Lew Hoad — cool, calm and confident — in action at the Slazenger professional tennis tournament which opened at Eastbourne last week. Hoad, who is already widely acclaimed as a likely successor to Pancho Gonzales as the "king of tennis" won this match against J. W. Cawthorne of Australia by 6-2, 8-6. — Central Press photo.

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# BRITONS SPENDING MORE

## London Closes Higher

London, Aug. 18. The stock market closed irregularly higher today on restricted trading.

Industrials were mixed, interest was centred on share sales following Fraser's upping the ante for Harrods. Shares were mixed but gains outnumbered losses in engineering, aircraft, motor and shipping issues.

Gold shares were quiet with no decided trend. Coppers were dull but other base metals held steady.

Oil was narrowly mixed. Oil-edged securities maintained their recent strength.

Greek bonds lost further ground in a quiet foreign bond market. Dollar stocks were lower.—U.P.I.

### Closing Prices

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## A Sure Sign Of The Country's Healthy Economy

London, Aug. 17.

Someone has only to hint that the economy is doing fine for the professional Jeremiahs to start their doleful prying. I suppose it's a sort of economic hypochondria.

It's happening in Britain at the moment. Economically speaking the country is as well set as it has been for a long time. Prices are stable (there is even talk of price-cutting), unemployment figures are dropping every day and signs of prosperity are plain to see particularly in the chaotic overcrowding of roads by private motorists. Admittedly commentators have been shy of using the description "boom" but only because of its earlier sinister association with inflation. This of course is all very up-to-date for the prophets of gloom. Something somewhere they say must be wrong. And casting around for flaws they seize on the buoyant retail sales index.

### Too Much

The man-in-the-street they then announce is spending too much too quickly on consumer goods. And they add with thinly-veiled relish that he is doing it by way of hire-purchase. The man they then set up is caricatured to give the impression that the long-suffering British public have thrown their hats in the air and embarked on a sort of economic bacchanalia. Since an unquestioning acceptance of this viewpoint could be dangerous, let us look at a few facts.

To start with there is nothing either sudden or feverish about the prosperity Britain is enjoying at present. Admittedly the retail sales index is up five per cent for the second quarter of this year. But at the same time it should be remembered

## Britain's Industrial Expansion

London, Aug. 18. Expansion in the economy of the United Kingdom — now clearly under way — was likely to continue as the full effects of the budget were felt, the Treasury's "Bulletin for Industry" said today.

A lot would depend on stable prices however, the Bulletin added.

"Wages have recently been relatively steady, and since productivity has now begun to increase in a number of industries, labour costs per unit of output have fallen. This has helped to bring about a change from earlier years in which there was a rise in wage rates not matched by a general rise in productivity."

The Bulletin said encouraging signs were being shown in the marked rise in productivity per man.

The seasonally adjusted figures for industrial production rose in the first quarter, and again the second, the Bulletin continued. "And this expansion has apparently been more broadly based than in the rise last autumn."

In the first quarter the gain in productivity per man was indicated for the second quarter.

Public investment was expected to be about £150,000,000 sterling greater this financial year than in 1958-59, the Bulletin said.

"Exports are on a rising trend, in line with the growing world activity, and on the assumption that this increase will be maintained, there is likely to be a substantial surplus on current account in the balance of payments for the year," it concluded.—Reuter.

## Canadian Dollar

New York, Aug. 18. The Canadian dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar rose again today reflecting higher interest rates in Canada which are luring more investment money across the border.

The Canadian dollar was quoted at 1.06-3/16, up 1/16 from its close yesterday.—U.P.I.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,495,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Share	Buyers	Sellers
HK Bank	107 1/2	108
HSBC	107 1/2	108
Union	107 1/2	108
Commercial	107 1/2	108
Shanghai	107 1/2	108
Wholesale	107 1/2	108

DOCKERS, ETC.	Buyers	Sellers
Union	107 1/2	108
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INDUSTRIALS	Buyers	Sellers
Union	107 1/2	108
Commercial	107 1/2	108
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INVESTMENTS	Buyers	Sellers
Union	107 1/2	108
Commercial	107 1/2	108
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AGREED MERCHANT RATES	Buyers	Sellers
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Commercial	107 1/2	108
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EXCHANGE RATES	Buyers	Sellers
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SUGAR	Buyers	Sellers
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NEW YORK	Buyers	Sellers
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## Caution Rules On New York Stock Market

New York, Aug. 18.

Stocks suffered a new sinking spell today on light volume.

The lack of any real selling pressure was a bright note in Wall Street. It indicated the decline was more the result of caution than fear.

Despite the lack of selling pressure, individual losses in the main list ran to more than five points in Firststone, around 12 in IBM, around four in General Time, Minnesota Mining, American Machine and Foundry and Polaroid.

The analysts kept a close watch on the railroad averages, which drifted closer to its June low. They felt that any serious penetration of this previous support level would be a bearish sign for the market.

Today's volume was 2,280,000 shares.

Of a total 1,183 issues traded, 238 were higher and 747 lower. American Exchange volume was 790,000 shares.

Bonds volume amounted to \$4,850,000.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	300
40 Railroads	200
15 Utilities	150
15 Stocks	150
40 Bonds	150
Common price index	150

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## PROFITABILITY OF THE VANGUARD SHOWN IN SURVEY

A STUDY has just been completed by Vickers-Armstrongs of the profitability of the Vanguard turbo-prop airliner on both European and United States short haul routes.

The examination of the Vanguard in U.S.A. domestic service assumed a 300 statute mile sector and a passenger availability of 40 for as few as 40 people per flight in 1959, growing to a conservative 10 per cent a year. These model assumptions give a passenger load of 58.5 in 1962, which is taken as the first full year of Vanguard operation. An initial freight availability of 2,600 lb. in 1959, also growing at an annual 10 per cent, gives 2,928 lb. per trip in 1962.

With these initial loads, and a revenue rate of 5.34 cents a passenger, 21. mile, and 21.3 cents a freight ton mile, a single Vanguard would make over 6 1/2 million dollars profit in an operating period of seven years.

Airlines with longer average stage lengths than 300 miles, and with average loads greater than 40 passengers in 1959, would, of course, make considerably higher profits.

In examining these figures it should be remembered that the Vanguard is assumed to be used in a 120-seat tourist layout, so that it would start operating at only a 48.5 per cent passenger load factor. This would leave payload available for capacity freight in the 1,360 cubic feet cargo holds of nearly 7 tons at medium freight density. In fact, the Vickers study assumes only about a 1 1/2 ton of freight, initially carried in 1962—which, once again, is a very modest assumption.

CHEAP FARES

The room for expansion of passenger and freight traffic is clearly considerable, and it can truly be claimed for the Vanguard that while it can make a profit at modest loads and modest growth rates, it can also offer enormous scope for promotional activities—especially in the category of Economy Class fares.

A previously published examination of the Vanguard in a 130-seat Economy Class role has shown that "at 65 per cent passenger load factor and no freight, the aircraft can make a 10 per cent profit at promotional fares up to 50 per cent cheaper than current European tourist rates, and at a fare average of 20 per cent cheaper than current U.S.A. Coach Class (22 per cent cheaper on an examined route of 300 st. miles).

These Vickers proved over the years to be one of the most popular aircraft in the Orient. Businessmen and people who had to travel frequently much preferred them to any other aircraft, and they did indeed build up a reputation of worthiness and reliability. Today marks the passing of an era—the final disappearance of the last aircraft of Hongkong Airways—but at the same time, marks the entry of Malaysian Airways into the jet age.

Second Viscount For Malayan Airways

Today, the second and last of the Hongkong Airways Viscounts leaves, bearing the colours of the Malaysian Airways Ltd., for Singapore. Hongkong Airways have merged with CPA.

This well liked and trusted aircraft was one of two purchased by the Malaysian Airways, and many of the Colony's air travellers will regret the disappearance of the Viscounts from Klu Tan term.

Men who have been closely associated with these aircraft during their past activities are travelling in Singapore to assist in training the crews of Malaysian Airways. Captain Burnham, together with Captain Colvin, the General Manager of Hongkong Airways Ltd., delivered the first Viscount to Malaysian Airways Ltd. a few days ago.

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Are the tax-free flags of convenience of Liberia and other small republics becoming less convenient? A recent transfer of 11 oil tankers from the Star-Line-Burns flag of Liberia to the Red Star Line flag of Belgium has raised the question. This chart shows how the tax-free fleets of oil tankers and cargo ships registered in Liberia has been increasing in the last 10 years.

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## Death Of Old Hongkong Resident

**Mr Watt Lok-hing, an old and well-known resident in the Colony, passed away at his residence in Jordan Road yesterday. He was 80.**

The late Mr Watt started his career at the Chinese YMCA and later became its President. A very devoted church worker, Mr Watt spent his life time with the Chinese Methodist Church and was its local preacher for many years. He was also a Director of On Lok Yuen.

He is survived by his widow, seven sons, five daughters and 14 grandchildren.

Many of his sons are leading citizens in the Colony. His eldest son, Mr Watt Hoi-kee, is the Vice-Principal of Hongkong Technical College. Mr Watt Hui-kee, his second son, is the Engineering Superintendent of the Flying Training School, and his third son Mr Watt Mo-kee, is the Managing Director of Cheong Kee Construction Co. and the President of the United Nations Association.

The funeral service will be held at the Chinese Methodist Church, tomorrow, at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by burial at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam.

## Stateless Man On Drugs Charge

N. Michailovitch, 25, stateless, was remanded to September 11 by Mr B. V. Rhodes at Kowloon Magistrate's Court when he pleaded not guilty to two charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

Lying at 45 Humphrey's Road, third floor, Kowloon, defendant was alleged to have 33 of a quantity of heroin on August 8 outside 54 Tung Tau Village Main Street.

He was also alleged to have less than one ounce of prepared opium.

## Film Executive Arrives

Mr Murray Silverstone, President of 20th Century-Fox International arrived this morning by PAA from Tokyo. He was met on arrival by Mr L. J. Benuch, 20th Century-Fox Manager, Hongkong, and Mrs Benuch.

## Tight Girdle

Atlanta, Aug. 18. Delta Air Lines Flight 743 was on route from Chicago to Atlanta.

The stewardess came to the pilot's cabin and announced that a passenger was sick with strong symptoms of an appendicitis attack.

The pilot sent an immediate radio request to Atlanta and a doctor met the flight at the airport.

After a 25-minute delay because of the emergency, the flight took off again for Miami, and the physician filed his report.

The medical diagnosis: The woman's girdle was too tight—UPI.

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## FUNERAL OF MASTER OF TAKSHING

The funeral of Captain John Powell, master of the ss Takshing, which plies between Hongkong and Macao, was held at the Colonial Cemetery this morning.

The late Captain Powell died on Monday at St Paul's Hospital. He was 65.

Born in Liverpool, he came to China 27 years ago and served most of his time in ships on the China coast.

He joined the Tai Yip Co., Ltd., owners of the Takshing in November 1957.

He is survived by one son and two daughters.

Prior to the burial at the cemetery, a service was held at the Hongkong Funeral Home. Both the funeral and the service were conducted by Rev. Fr. John Giampietro, of St. Margaret's Church.

Among those present at the funeral were Captain E. Hewlett, former Chief Officer of the Takshing who has been appointed master of the ship, Mr William Tang, Chief Engineer of the ship, Captain W. Cream, master of the Lee Hong, Captain C. Craig-Tuom, master of the Fatahan, and Mr Craig-Thomson, Captain T. Owen, master of the Tai Loy, Captain J. W. Jones, Mr H. Charrington, Captain J. H. Jones, Mr W. C. MacKinnon, Mr C. E. Shum, Mr D. Drake, Mr A. Hirdston and Captain T. P. Hamilton.

Wreaths were sent including one from the Officers and crew of the Takshing, one from the China Coast Merchant Navy Officers' Guild, Captain J. W. Jones, Captain and Mrs J. H. Jones, Mrs Angus and her family, Captain A. Lacey, Mr Henry K. H. Jones, the Sailors' Home and Mission, the Seamen, Mr Ko Fook-in, Mr and Mrs H. Charrington, Mr J. C. Harrison and Captain Syd Barrington and Staff members of the Tai Yip Company.

## Capitalism Gains A Toehold In Russia

Moscow, Aug. 18. Capitalism gained a toehold in Soviet Russia today with the news that from now on Russian farm workers will be able to build their own homes — and also buy things like radios, record players, cameras, sewing machines, motor scooters and watches on hire purchase.

The home-building plan was announced by the Government of the Russian Federation, largest republic in the USSR. It will make loans over 12 years at two per cent interest.

The hire-purchase plan will begin soon in Soviet cities.

From 20 to 25 per cent of the price of the article bought will have to be paid cash down and the balance over a period of six to 12 months.

But there is this difference. To ensure that instalments are kept up, monthly payments will be deducted by employers from the salaries of employees.—Reuter and AFP.

## Offer Turned Down

London, Aug. 18. Mr Ibrahim Nasir, Prime Minister of the British-protected Maldives Islands in the Indian Ocean, has declined an invitation by the United Kingdom Government to come to London next month for talks, usually well-informed sources said here tonight.

The rejection was believed to have been received last night by the Earl of Home, Commonwealth Relations Secretary who had issued the invitation to Mr Nasir in a message on August 11.

The sources declined to give the reasons for Mr Nasir's turning down of the invitation.—Reuter.

## Strike Ends At Colony Textile Mill

The strike at the Sung Wong Toi Road mill of the South China Textile Ltd., is over and the factory resumed work at 7 a.m. today.

Mr T. Y. Tung, Assistant Manager of the company, told the China Mail this morning that more than 300 workers had already re-registered and more were expected.

The strike at the mill took place on Monday night because of agitation by certain workers after the factory changed from two 12-hour to three 8-hour shifts a day, with reduction in daily pay.

About 600 workers were all given notice of dismissal and re-registration if they wanted to rejoin the factory.

The management made the move to weed out alleged Triad members who were said to have instigated the strike.

A notice posted on the factory gate told the workers that there were "undesirable elements" among them.

Announcing the total dismissal, the notice also mentioned three places for the workers to re-register — at the factory, or the offices of two unions.

One demand made by the strikers has not yet been settled. This was for higher pay. The management said this would take some time to consider. But Mr Tung added that the company already paid workers better than average.

Though each shift has been reduced by four hours, Mr Tung said, the minimum wage for the worker remained the same as for 12-hour shifts.

Mr Tung expected the working force to be restored to 550 for three shifts at the Sung Wong Toi Road mill.

Another mill of the company at To Kwa Wan Road had not been affected throughout the changeover and the strike, Mr Tung added.

## World-Wide Fears Over 'Hot' Milk

Geneva, Aug. 18.

A world-wide concern at the increasing radioactivity of milk due to contamination of the air and soil is forcing governments to give urgent study to this problem.

The most dangerous of all radio-active substances contained in milk is strontium 90, present in the full-out from explosions of nuclear weapons.

This element, which can last in milk for a long time, finds its way into the bones of human beings and animals, and particularly into the growing bones of children.

The question of the contamination of milk by radiation was carefully considered at a meeting of the expert committee on milk hygiene, convened in Geneva recently by the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

## Urgent Attention

Members of the committee were told that the problem is reaching urgent attention of many national and international bodies, including the United Nations Scientific Committee on atomic radiation.

Investigations sponsored by the International Dairy Federation among its member countries, are also in progress.

The problem is considered so serious that another meeting of the expert committee to consider it has been arranged for next year.

Taking part in this year's meeting were representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund, which is directly interested in the problem, since the supply of powdered milk is one way in which the populations of less-developed countries, and particularly children suffering from deficiency diseases, are given assistance.

## In Detail

In addition to the question of the contamination of milk by radiation, the meeting also examined in detail the health conditions in hot countries wishing to develop their milk industry.

The experts stressed that the problem of contamination, whether by radiation, micro-organisms, insecticides, or anti-biotics, is continually under review by the responsible authorities and international organisations. They stressed, too, that apart from the contamination of milk by new elements, it is well-known that milk can spread numerous diseases, including tuberculosis and anthrax. In most cases, however, all that is needed to prevent milk from transmitting diseases of microbial origin is to heat it to boiling point, at which it should be kept for some time.

## PALACE GUARDS WIN PUBLIC SYMPATHY

London, Aug. 18.

British newspapers and their readers have rallied in support of Buckingham Palace guards in their struggle against playful tourists. This follows an incident in which a 20-year-old Coldstream Guardsman was sentenced to be confined to barracks for 10 days for allegedly kicking an American woman.

Since then newspapers have been full of editorials, news stories, cartoons and "pundits' letters" protesting against the treatment of guardsmen.

Old soldiers wrote indignantly about visitors who tease the men in their bright red tunics and black bearskins, or pose beside them for photographs.

One reader outlined the agony suffered by Household Cavalry Guards when "tourists" drop coins down the high close-fitting boots as they sit astride their horses in Whitehall.

## White Line

Another reader called for a white line to be painted clearly marking the limits of the sentries' beats outside the Palace gates, to "keep the public back a respectful distance and give confidence to the sentries."

The Daily Sketch summed up the press sentiments by declaring that the Brigade of Guards were now "lighting their toughest peace-time operation—the Battle of Buckingham Palace."

Its editorial said: "Pushed, prodded, humiliated — why should our soldiers have to put up with this kind of treatment?"

"We like tourists. We are proud of our London pageantry. But let's get this clear: The guards are not there to amuse visitors."

"They are trained soldiers with a job to do."

## Watch Step

"After what happened to the one whose boot got in the way of an American mom they have to watch their step — literally."

"We must put a stop to these shameful scenes. The sentries should be kept behind the Palace railings for their own protection."

But a Daily Herald writer commented, "Most people agree that this woman ought to have been kicked. So do I."

"So do the guardsman's comrades-in-arms, so do several MPs."

"So I suspect, do most officers in the brigade of guards — although they were obliged through the tyranny of the book, to take a poor view of the whole fantastic episode..."

"Personally I think he should have got a medal for his gallantry and initiative."

## Emptiest

"Mounting guard at Buckingham Palace is one of the silliest and emptiest of all the rituals with which we, as a nation, have become obsessed."

"It means nothing. It does nothing. Their rifles are not loaded and never in its long and magnificent history has the Brigade of Guards actually defended the Palace against anything."

Five years ago the beat pounded by Buckingham Palace sentries since Queen Victoria's time had to be changed to protect sentries from tourists. The four grey-painted sentry boxes were moved nearer the gates controlled by beefy blue-clad London policemen.

In 1954 the Queen gave orders that police must move on tourists trying to pose for pictures with the guards, although snaps of the sentries on their own are still allowed.

Here are typical examples of guard-baiting reported recently:

## Pluck Hairs

Three German tourists tried to pluck hairs from a guard's bearskin.

Four French Boy Scouts tossed slippery ice-cream cartons under their marching boots.

Proity American, Canadian and Irish girls jostled the sentries.

Small boys pushed greasy bicycle wheels against the immaculate trousers of the guardsmen.—China Mail Special.

## From the Files 25 years AGO

It isn't often that Hongkong folk got a chance of stubbing their toes on a million dollars, but a reporter did yesterday. The money — one million bright new one-dollar coins — was discharged from the P and O liner Mantau yesterday and was immediately transhipped across the harbour to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank vaults.

Together with 1,200,000 new one-cent pieces, consigned to the Hongkong Treasurer, the money came direct from the Royal Mint in London and was packed in 900 small cases, 500 of which contained the silver coins.

A Hongkong and Shanghai Bank official commenting on the consignment said: "Tahaw, why make a fuss about it? It's only a million dollars."

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The summons against D. S. Hill of the Hongkong Electric Company for having driven private car No. 266, without due care and caution in Queen's Road, West, near Belcher Street on August 6 was dismissed by Mr E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr M. K. Lo appeared for the defence.

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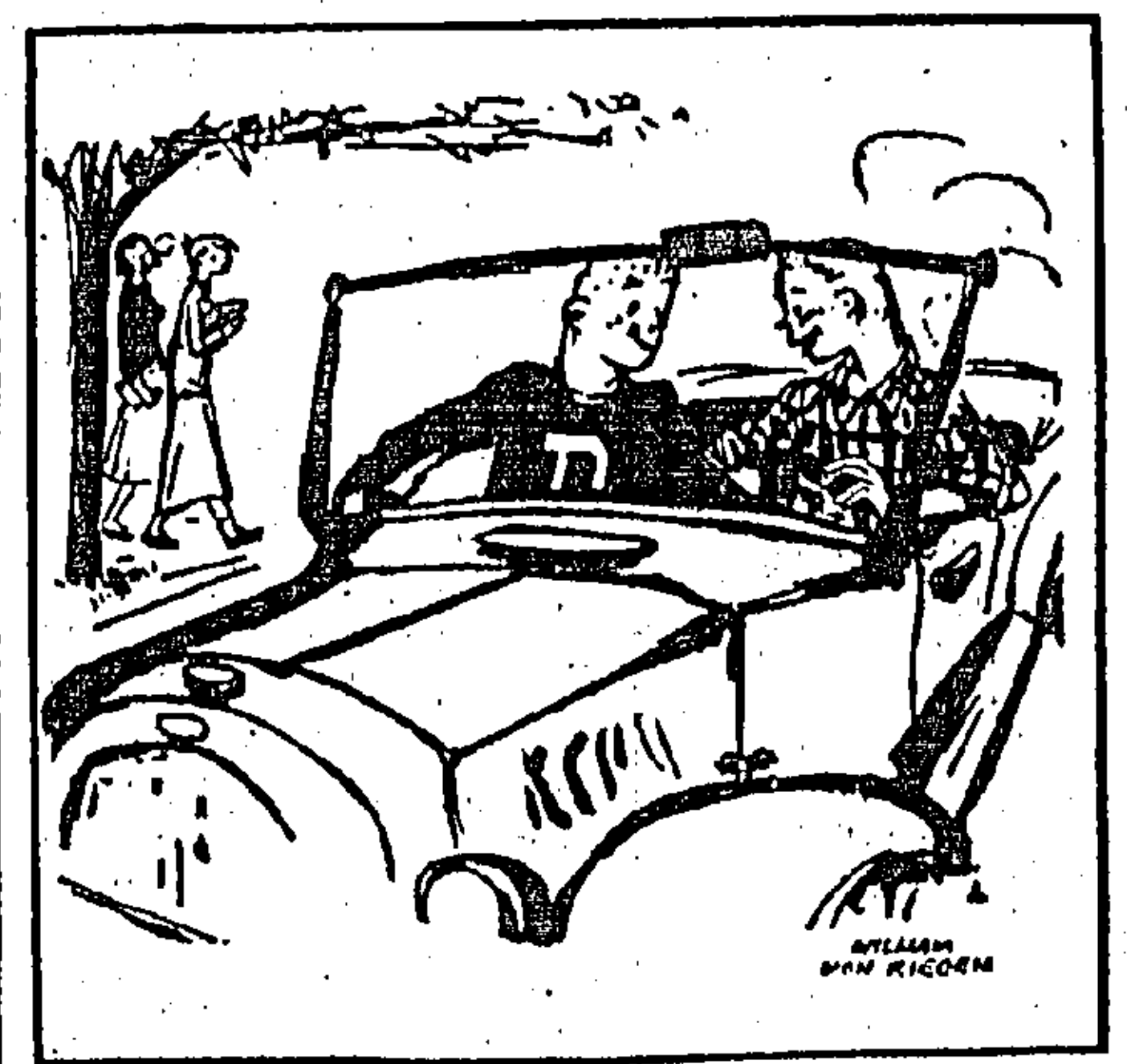
ONE of China's millions of daughters, a 24-year-old Hongkong girl has been chosen by Rudolf Friml for the leading role in his play, "Sing Song Girl". She is Mrs Alice Lau, perhaps better known in the Colony by her maiden name, Alice Kan.

She was born in Paris, 24 years ago, and came to Hongkong with her parents when three months old. She was educated at the Diocesan Girls School where she studied English. Mr Friml disclosed that he had first met Mrs Lau three weeks ago and decided then that she was the very girl he was looking for.

She promised to return the next day for another interview but then mysteriously no further word was heard from her until three weeks later when he was asked to call on her at the Young Wo Hospital in Happy Valley.

A contract may be signed shortly.

## This Funny World



"I had a long talk with my father about girls. He doesn't know anything about them either."

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